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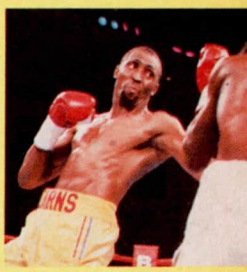

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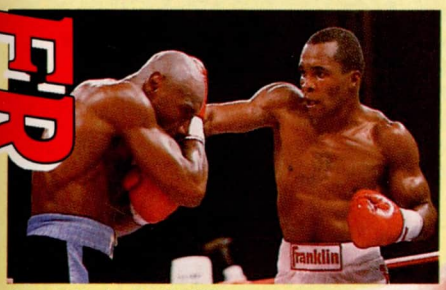

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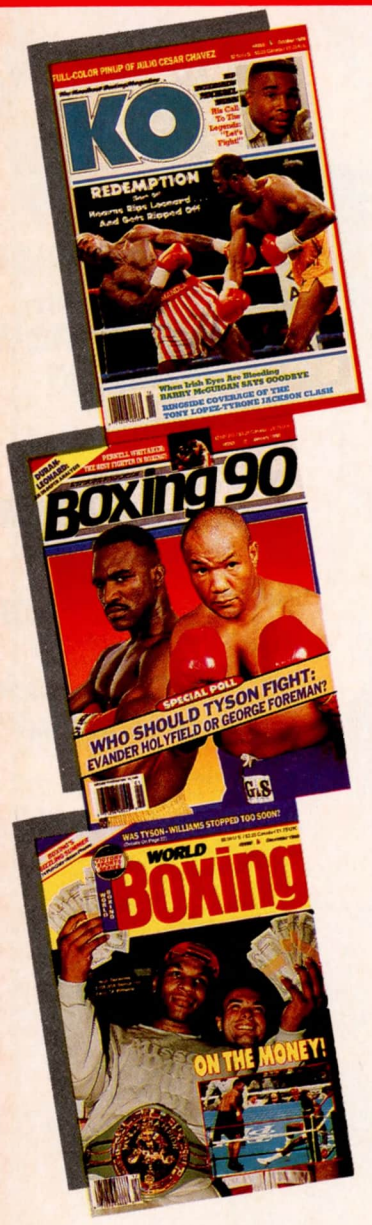

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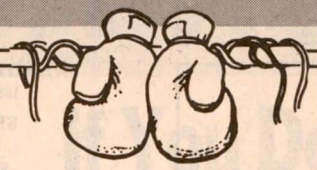

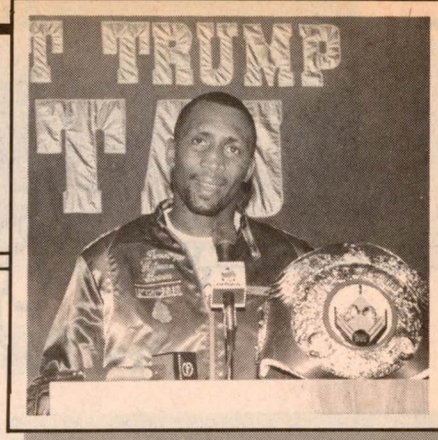

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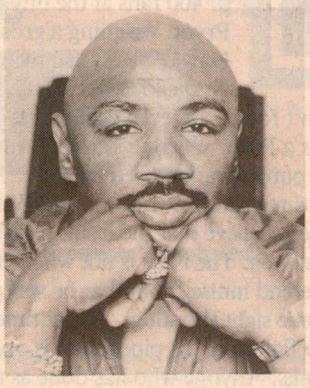

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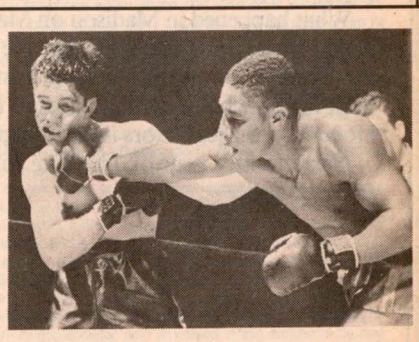

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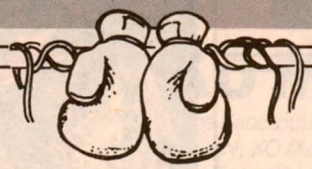

In February, when the WBA and WBC initially refused to acknowledge that Buster Douglas was the heavyweight champion of the world, most boxing observers voiced their outrage. But I applauded, sensing that the politically slanted stands of the sanctioning bodies would lead directly to their downfall. Unfortunately for boxing, the organizations saved themselves by altering their stands in the nick of time.

I had a similar view of the Aaron Pryor-Daryl Jones bout. Almost everyone believed that Wisconsin's licensing of Pryor, who is legally blind in his left eye, was a disgrace. But I was glad he was permitted to fight because the controversy forced the public to focus on the need for uniform standards and regulations in boxing. The answer, of course, is a federal, or at least national, commission.

The state of Wisconsin and a life-sucking neophyte promoter named Diana Lewis were insensitive enough to allow Pryor to fight, but they weren't stupid enough to let him get hurt. Before an estimated crowd of 400 fans at the tiny Masonic Temple in Madison, Pryor, weighing a gross 154, faced Jones. "The Hawk," who had twice humbled the legendary Alexis Arguello, was matched against a former bantamweight who hadn't fought in seven years. One other detail: Jones has occasionally served as a Pryor sparring partner. And, like a dependable employee, he fell from any punch that brushed him.

Pryor won in three rounds. If Lewis and Wisconsin's Licensing and Regulations Department believe that the result justified Pryor's right to fight, they're sadly mistaken. The issue is not whether Pryor won or lost, or whether he was able to defend himself, but that he was permitted to fight at all.

Pryor, a pathetic sight shouting, "What time is it? *Hawk time!*" after his victory, wants to fight on. His pipedream is one last payday. I don't really care what he thinks. Anyone who has done as much cocaine as he has in recent years obviously doesn't know what's best for him. That's best left for others to decide.

What happened in Madison on May 16 was tragic for not only Pryor, but boxing as well. In the days before the fight, the *Milwaukee Journal* ran an editorial calling for a ban of boxing. Just because the sport has always bounced back from such heavy blows doesn't mean that its chin will hold out forever. Hopefully, the legislators in Washington will act before a fatal blow is struck.

Next month's issue of *The Ring* will include a full ringside report of the Pryor debacle.

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Jeff Fenech (pictured against Carlos Zarate) is undefeated and underrated. Having returned from a brief retirement, the Australian triple-crown champion is headed for the junior lightweight crown.

FOR RYAN OUT LOUD

I recently picked up the June 1990 issue of *The Ring* and was disappointed in Jeff Ryan's "Ryan Out Loud" column on Mike Tyson ("They'll Drink To That"). I see no point in mentioning Tyson's personal life in a boxing magazine.

Stick to the subject of boxing, and only boxing. For Ryan to make comments like "It wasn't enough for Tyson to just win, he had to humiliate his foe as well," is unnecessary. *The Ring* is an outstanding magazine. Don't ruin it with judgmental remarks.

Tyson doesn't deserve to be treated this way. He is a great champion, and the greatest fighters of all time have lost and rebounded superbly. Don't write him off. He'll be back.

ALONZO JEFFERSON
San Jose, CA

Let me get this straight: In the July 1990 issue of *The Ring*, Jeff Ryan admits in "Ryan Out Loud" that Sugar Ray Leonard is pompous, arrogant, and condescending, but says it's okay because Ray always keeps appointments to sit down under the heat lamp and explain why he is that way ("An Image Poorly Reflected"). Well, Charles Manson never ducks out of probing interviews either, but I don't hear anyone calling *him* a swell guy! Nuff said!

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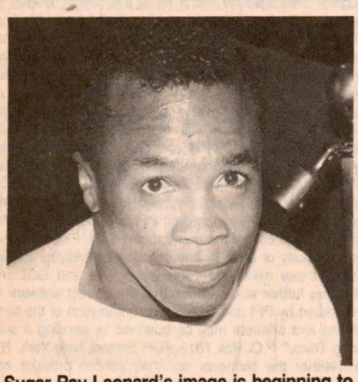

Sugar Ray Leonard's image is beginning to receive as much attention from readers and writers as his boxing ability.

A FENECH FANATIC

In Australia, we find it hard to understand why Jeff Fenech is not rated among the top-10 pound-for-pound fighters in *The Ring's* ratings. We feel that at this stage, only Julio Cesar Chavez has higher claims.

Is Fenech discriminated against because he has not fought in America? He would be a firm favorite down here against Azumah Nelson or Antonio Esparragoza. Both Fenech and WBA featherweight champion Esparragoza have fought Marcos Villasana. Esparragoza was held to a draw, and might have won if not penalized for low blows. Fenech thrashed the Mexican on points.

Jeff's hands have been a big problem, especially over the last two years. He has had quite a few operations, and has been forced to have fewer fights. His punching has been affected as well. But if you study his record, you'll see that he has never missed any of the top contenders in his weight classes.

Many of the contenders don't appear to want to fight Jeff, knocking back big offers. Hopefully, Jeff's hands will stand up, and our champion will receive the opportunity to box Nelson, Esparragoza, and Pernell Whitaker before the end of 1991. At his top, we feel he can beat all these fellows.

IAN DYER
Glenrowan, Australia

Editor's Note: Fenech is not rated among the best fighters because of inactivity, and his temporary retirement in April 1989. Until his retirement, we agree that he should have been above Esparragoza, and near the top of the pound-for-pound rankings. Now that he is active again, we plan a reassessment.

REMEMBERING BUD TAYLOR

Being a hard-core boxing fan and a resident of Indiana, I find it upsetting that the sport seems to have forgotten former NBA bantamweight champion Charles "Bud" Taylor, who was born in Terre Haute and campaigned throughout the '20s. Taylor was among the first fistic heroes of my state, of which Tony Zale (born in Gary) is best known. But a little known fact is that Zale, who was based in Chicago, never once fought in Indiana. Taylor fought here often, from the start of his career to the finish. Here's to Bud Taylor, a legitimate state hero.

CHARLIE MANTOPOLIS
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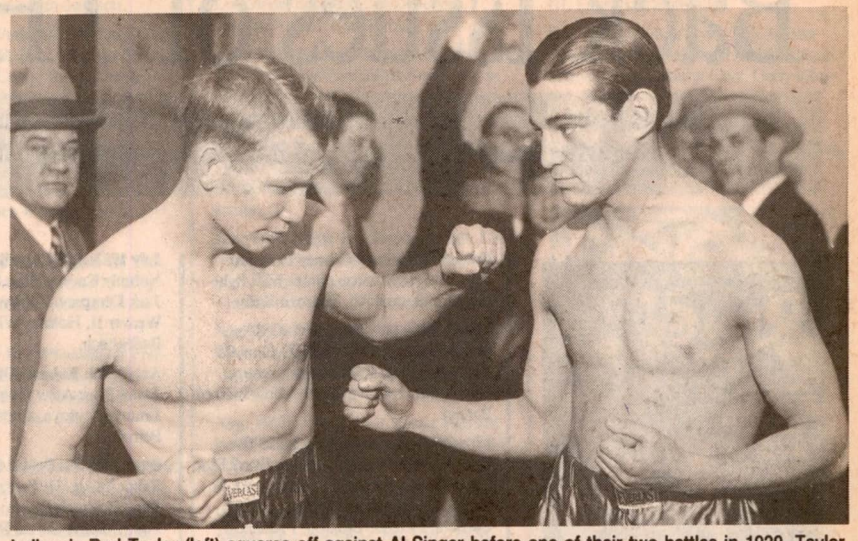

Indiana's Bud Taylor (left) squares off against Al Singer before one of their two battles in 1929. Taylor was bantamweight champion in 1927-1928. He won the vacant crown by outpointing Tony Canzoneri.

MORE ON MOORER

I enjoyed your story on Michael Moorer in the June '90 issue of *The Ring* ("Violence Is Golden: The Inner Rage Of Michael Moorer"). I grew up just a few miles away from Michael, so I've known about his talents for a long time. I'm glad that the rest of the boxing world is finally finding out.

I just hope that Michael gets the chance to prove that he is unequivocally the top fighter in the light heavyweight division. Virgil Hill and Prince Charles Williams are both excellent boxers, and Michael has indubitably earned the right to meet the winner, should those two champions meet.

I also enjoyed your comparison of Moorer to Mike Tyson. I think that just as Tyson will knock the head off Buster Douglas in a rematch, so, too, will Moorer knock out Hill or Williams.

JOHN SIMPSON
Charleroi, PA

BATTLE OF THE LEGENDS

I have really enjoyed reading your "Battle Of The Legends" section. Not only does the feature give the readers plenty of food for thought, but it's really entertaining as well. Some suggestions for matchups:

Heavyweight: Marciano-Frazier and Liston-Foreman; Light Heavyweight: Spinks-Foster; Welterweight: Robinson-Armstrong and Napoles-Gavilan; Lightweight: Duran-Brown; Featherweight: Saddler-Jofre and Pep-Sanchez; Bantamweight: Zarate-Ortiz; Flyweight: Perez-Canto; Special matchups at either welterweight or middleweight: Robinson-Leonard and Hearns-Griffith.

MATTHEW DiBIASE
Delran, NJ

A sweet battle of welterweight legends would pit Sugar Ray Leonard vs. Sugar Ray Robinson (pictured in 1982). Robinson, considered the best fighter ever, would be the favorite.

About your "Battle Of The Legends" between Bob Foster and Archie Moore in the July '90 issue: Oh, what a fight! However, as much as I admire Moore, I think Foster would have won. Don Dunphy said that Moore carried his punch to the heavyweights, while Foster didn't. But many of the big men Moore fought, like Patterson, Marciano, and Charles, were small heavyweights. Foster fought Ali, Frazier, Folley, and Terrell, who were all more than 200 pounds.

I see a classic matchup, with the tall, rangy Foster chopping Moore down with his jab until Archie would be forced to abandon his crouch and cross-armed defense. Then, after about 12 rounds, Foster would stop Moore with a left hook-right cross combination.

J. HORNER
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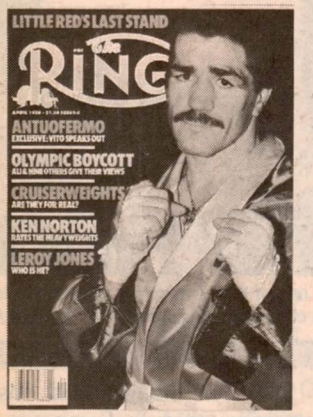

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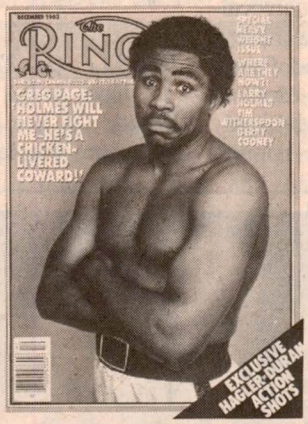
Nov. 1983: Gerrie Coetzee: The New Heavyweight Champ Sets His Sights On Holmes. Plus: Alexis Arguello, Murray Sutherland, James J. Braddock, Muhammad Ali.



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Dec. 1983: Greg Page: 'Holmes Will Never Fight Me—He's A Chicken-Livered Coward!' Plus: Hagler-Duran, Tim Witherspoon, Jake LaMotta, Cedeno-Magri, "Winners" by Leroy Neiman.

Feb. 1984: Don King Talks And Talks And Talks. Plus: Leonard's return, Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, 1983 quotes, Marvin Hagler, Johnny Bratton, Gerald Hayes, Hagler-Duran color.

March 1984: Fighter Of The Year: Marvelous Marvin Hagler. Plus: *The Ring's* annual awards, 1983 fight calender, Carl Williams, Jung-Koo Chang, Chandler-Ruiz (color).

April 1984: Sugar Ray Leonard: "I'm Gonna Be Better Than Ever!" Plus: *Ring's* ratings of 8,000 fighters, Henry Armstrong, Don Lee, Koji Kobayashi, Mancini-Chacon (color).

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Jan. 1985: Holmes-Bonecrusher Color Action. Plus: Gerry Cooney, pro debuts (Breland, Hill, Taylor, Biggs, Whitaker, Holyfield), Santos-Medal, Meza-Garza.

Feb. 1985: Showdown: Page Clobbers Coetzee For WBA Title. Plus: Larry Holmes, lightweights, Cooney-Chaplin, McCallum-Minchillo.

March 1985: Fighter Of The Year: Thomas 'Hit Man' Hearns. Plus: Year-end awards, Darrell-Estrada, Nelson-Gomez, Arroyo-Alli.

April 1985: Special Hagler-Hearns Program. Plus: British fighters, Hector Camacho, Donald Curry, British fighters, Sonny Liston.

May 1985: The Rematch In Reno: Bramble-Mancini Color Action. Plus: Donald Curry, Aaron Pryor, McGuigan-LaPorte.

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Aug. 1985: Seven Elected To The Ring Hall Of Fame (Jose Napoles, Jake LaMotta, Panama Al Brown, Manuel Ortiz, Young Stribling, Thomas Jackling, Lord Lonsdale). Plus: Spinks-Holmes preview, Barry McGuigan.

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Dec. 1985: Michael Spinks: Against All Odds. Plus: Curry-McCrory preview, McGuigan-Taylor, Alexis Arguello, Michael Olajide, Chavez-Pratchett.

Jan. 1986: In Search Of A Heavyweight Champion. Plus: Azumah Nelson, Arguello-Jefferson, Olympic update, Chicago boxing.

Feb. 1986: Mike Tyson: The Legacy Of Cus D'Amato. Plus: Rocky IV, Curry-McCrory, Teddy Mann, Kenny Lane.

March 1986: Co-Fighters Of The Year: Marvelous Marvin Hagler & Donald Curry. Plus: Special year-end awards, 1985 boxing diary, annual ratings, Evander Holyfield, Fenech-Coffee.

April 1986: Witherspoon Tames Tubbs For WBA Title. Plus: Dream fights, Greg Haugen, Tyrell Biggs, Mark Breland, Paul Gonzales, HBO tourney, Witherspoon-Tubbs, Frank Warren, Gene Tunney.

May 1986: Marvelous Marvin Tames The Beast. Plus: Hearns-Shuler, Mike Tyson, Bramble-Crawley, Sandoval-Canizales, Marvin Johnson, McGuigan-Cabrera, Arguello-Costello, Weaver-Williams.

June 1986: Barry's Back In The USA: McGuigan Breathes A Breath Of Fresh Air Into American Fight Scene. Plus: Bobby Czyz, Robbie Sims, Qawi-Holyfield preview, Berbick-Thomas, Bruno-Coetzee.

July 1986: Spinks-Holmes II: Who Really Won? Plus: Frank Bruno, Richie Sandoval, Kevin Watts, Tyson-Tillis, Boza-Edwards-Alli, Johnson-Burns.

Aug. 1986: Is Sugar Ray Still Sweet? Plus: Lloyd Honeyghan, Tyson-Green, Cooney-Gregg, Hall of Fame (Eder Jofre, Benny Lynch, Bud Taylor, Sam McVey, Nat Langham, John Chambers), Bernardo Pinango.

Sept. 1986: Gerry Cooney vs. Mike Tyson: Who Would Win? Plus: Cruz-McGuigan, Hearns-Medal, Tyson-Gross, Sims-Duran.

Oct. 1986: Marvelous Marvin: Can Anyone Fill His Shoes? Plus: Tim Witherspoon, Holyfield-Qawi, Panama's champions, Frankie Duarte, Tyson-Frazier.

Nov. 1986: Mike Tyson: History In The Making. Plus: Tyson-Berbick preview, Spinks, Paul Gonzales, Bobby Czyz, Tyson-Ratliff, McCallum-Jackson.

Dec. 1986: The Weekend That Shook Up The Boxing World. Plus: Rosario-Bramble, Honeyghan-Curry, Butch Lewis, Buster Drayton, Johnson-Emebe, Raging Bull II.

April 1987: Hagler-Leonard Souvenir Issue. Plus: Czyz, Orlando Canizales, Mugabi-Thomas, Biggs-Snipes, Chavez-La-Porte, Bonecrusher-Witherspoon II, Haugen-Paul.

May 1987: Mike Tyson: Fighter Of The Year. Plus: Year-end awards, *The Ring* annual ratings, Louie Espinoza, Herol Graham.

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July 1987: Spinks-Cooney: The Fight That Refused To Die. Plus: The new *Ring* ratings, Terry Marsh, George Foreman's return, Khaosai Galaxy, Hearns-Andries, Whitaker-Mayweather.

Aug. 1987: Sugar Ray: Still In Style. Plus: Leonard-Hagler, all-time heavyweight ratings, Czyz-MacDonald, Camacho-Davis.

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Oct. 1987: Special Hall Of Fame Issue: Ali Elected Unanimously! Plus: Hall of Fame directory, Spinks-Cooney, Pazienza-Haugen II, Aaron Pryor.

Nov. 1987: Tyson Wins Heavyweight Triple-Crown. Plus: Triple-crown champs, Matthew Hilton, Carlos Monzon interview, McCallum-Curry.

Dec. 1987: Spinks & Lewis: Boxing's Beastie Boys. Plus: Starling-Breland, Ramzi Hassan, Honeyghan-Hatcher, Holyfield-Ocasio.

Jan. 1988: Darrin Van Horn—Million Dollar Baby? Plus: Evander Holyfield, Hill-Stewart, Juan Coggi, great hookers, AIDS.

Feb. 1988: Gold Outshines Glitter: Tate Tops Olajide. Plus: Tyson-Biggs, Kalambay-Barkley, Hearns-Roldan, fights we'd like to see.

March 1988: Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns: "Now I Own History." Plus: Chavez-Rosario, Roger Mayweather, Rocky Lockridge, bleeders, Bruno-Bugner, Fenech-Zarate, Tony Burton.

April 1988: Evander Holyfield: Fighter Of The Year. Plus: Special year-end awards, Holyfield-Qawi II, Foreman-Sekorski, Hill-Angulo.

May 1988: Goorge Foreman: "I Can Beat Tyson." Plus: Tyson-Holmes, Jesse Benavides, Showtime, no-knockout artists.

June 1988: Sugar Ray Robinson Still The Sweetest! Plus: All-time middleweight ratings, Larry Holmes, Louie Lomeli, McGirt-Warren II, Haugen-Pazienza II.

July 1988: Special Tyson-Spinks Preview Issue. Plus: Donald Trump interview, Honeyghan-Vaca II, Foreman-Qawi, Barkley-Olajide.

Aug. 1988: Julio Cesar Chavez: The Kid From Culiacan. Plus: Holyfield, bad decisions, Lockridge-Knight, Starling-Breland II, Brown-Trice, Haugen-Santana.

Sept. 1988: Sugar Ray: Here He Comes Again! Plus: Andries-Czyz, Kid Chocolate, Don Dunphy, Don Lalonde, Andries-Czyz.

Oct. 1988: Mike Tyson: What Price Glory? Plus: Tyson-Spinks, Hearns-Barkley, Davey Moore.

Nov. 1988: Donny Lalonde: "Sugar Ray is Out Of His Mind!" Plus: Hall of Fame selections (Carlos Ortiz, Joe Brown, Billy Graham, Cus D'Amato, Jimmy Jacobs), Nunn-Tate, Molinares-Starling, Honeyghan-Chung, '88 Olympians.

Dec. 1988: Mike Tyson Special. Plus: Leonard-Lalonde preview, Barry McGuigan, alphabet wars, Jeff Fenech, Mauro Mina, Meldrick Taylor.

Jan. 1989: Meldrick Taylor: Philly Phenom. Plus: Marvin Hagler, Alex Wallau, Taylor-McGirt, Olympic results.

Feb. 1989: Julio Cesar Chavez. Plus: Chavez-Ramirez, all-time lightweight ratings, Louie Espinoza, Simon Brown, Roger Mayweather.

March 1989: Hearns Next For Sugar Ray? Plus: Leonard-Lalonde, Prince Charles Williams, Hearns-Kinchen, Nunn-Roldan, Hines-Hilton.

May 1989: The Best Of '88. Plus: Year-end awards, Evander Holyfield, Pryor-Morales, Fenech-Navarro.

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Feb. 1990: Riddick Bowe/Ray Mercer Target . . . Tyson: Plus: The Olympians as pros (color), Bobby Czyz, Gerry Cooney, Wepner-Liston, Bobo Olson.

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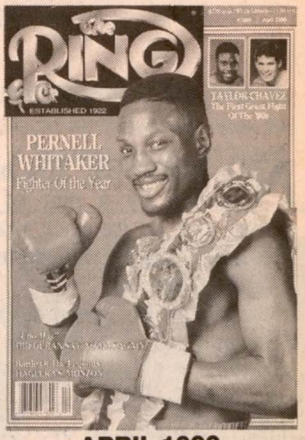

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Aug. 1990: His Greatness Confirmed . . . Is Julio Cesar Chavez The Greatest Mexican Fighter Ever? Plus: Matthew Saad Muhammad, Sullivan & Tyson, Michael Nunn, Mark Breland, Harold Johnson, Louis-Godoy (color).

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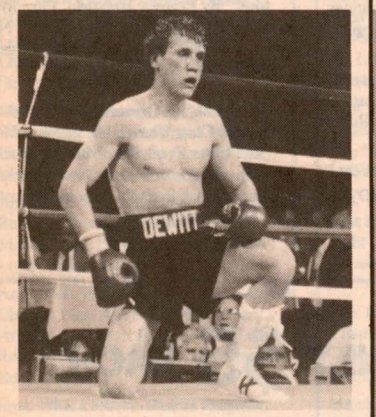
ROUND ONE

NO EXCUSES: His bruised face masked by a pair of dark sunglasses and an ice pack pressed to his left ear, Doug DeWitt summed up his loss to Nigel Benn.

"I got off to a bad start," he said. "It was an accidental butt in the first round and I couldn't see. But that's not an excuse. Because when you're a fighter, you have to overcome cuts and things like that. I don't make any excuses."

And with that, DeWitt excused himself from the fight game.

For 10 years DeWitt, 32-7-4 (19), was a fighter's fighter. Although he may not have overcome all of his opponents, he battled each with the same abandon. DeWitt's trademark wasn't a snappy jab or a quick hook, but a solid chin and a stubborn resiliency.



The end for Doug DeWitt

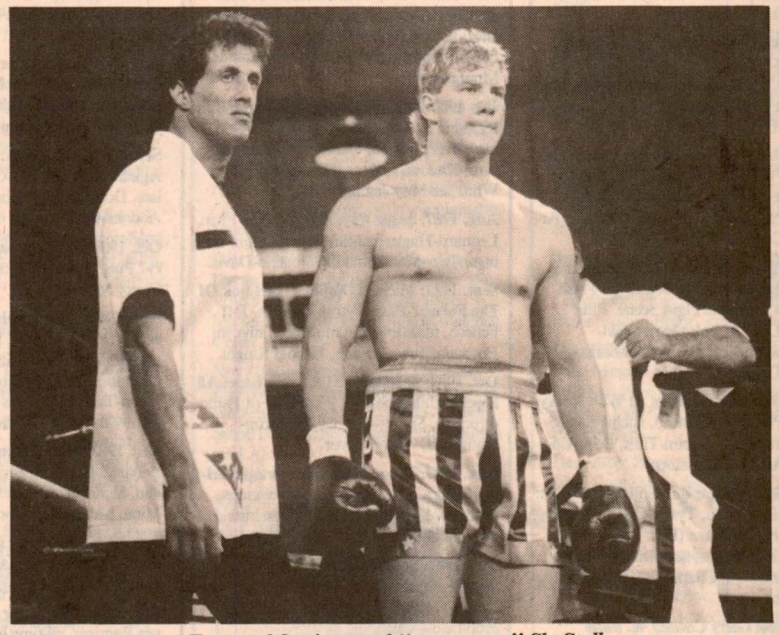
In 1986, DeWitt seemed finished after consecutive decision losses to Milton McCrory and Thomas Hearns. A year later, though, he rebounded with wins over contenders Lenny LaPaglia and Tony Thornton.

DeWitt would rebound one more time. In November 1988, he was kayoed by Sumbu Kalambay. Five months later, he decisioned Robbie Sims. And before losing to Benn, he walked through the left hooks of former junior middleweight champion Matthew Hilton and stopped the brawling Canadian in 11 rounds.

Promoters were always sure that DeWitt's fights would never be dull. Ultimately, however, such a fighter may be most dangerous to himself, absorbing unnecessary and debilitating punishment.

"I had an up-and-down career, fought a lot of tough guys," DeWitt said after the Benn fight. "What can I say? I really think it's time to retire. I've had a lot of fights, and today I just took too many shots."

It took someone as tough as DeWitt to realize that. Unlike many others, he knew when to call it a career. A career he can be proud of.—**Robert Cassidy**



Tommy Morrison and "cornerman" Sly Stallone

THE HOLLYWOOD KNOCKOUT: When heavyweight Tommy Morrison first signed to co-star in *Rocky V,* his camp was concerned that his focus would shift away from boxing. After all, the grandnephew of John Wayne figured to feel comfortable in front of the camera. Maybe too comfortable, his handlers worried.

Last November, Morrison, 20-0 (16), was unimpressive against journeyman Lorenzo Canady. *Rocky V* stars Sylvester Stallone and Burt Young worked Morrison's corner, and the fight was filmed to provide footage for the movie.

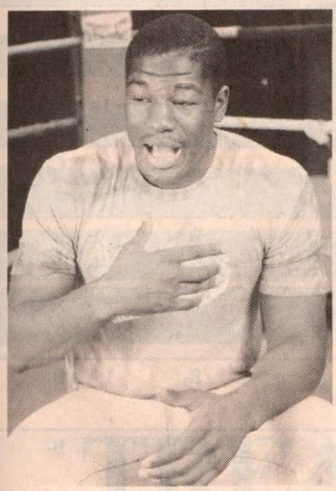
"It was the type of atmosphere that could cause distractions," said Morrison. "They expected me to knock this guy out, so that's what I was trying to do. I was pressing for a knockout. It was the worst fight I ever had in my life."

But his management need not show further concern. Since working alongside body-beautiful Stallone, Morrison's weight has risen from 212 to 220, while his body-fat has dropped from 17 percent to 10 percent.

"I started lifting weights for the movie and for boxing," said Morrison. "Sly has been real helpful. He knows so much about that aspect of training."

Although Morrison has been away from the boxing gym, his punch hasn't left him. Two stuntmen are reportedly suing Stallone and the producers of *Rocky V* for injuries sustained while filming fight scenes with Morrison. And one of them, according to Morrison, is 6'7" and 290 pounds.

"I'm not sure exactly what's going on," said Morrison, who was told to box at 30 percent of his normal speed while filming fight scenes. "They paid these guys to do it. I think the guy is just trying to shaft somebody. I don't remember hitting anyone that hard."—**Robert Cassidy**



Riddick Bowe's quick tongue

SPARRING WITH BOWE: As quick as heavyweight prospect Riddick Bowe is with his fists, he'll always be quicker with his tongue. In fact, Bowe regularly goes mouth to mouth with Don Imus, the outrageous host of the morning show on WFAN, the all-sports radio station based in New York.

Before and after his fights, Bowe calls in, and the irreverant Imus starts firing away.

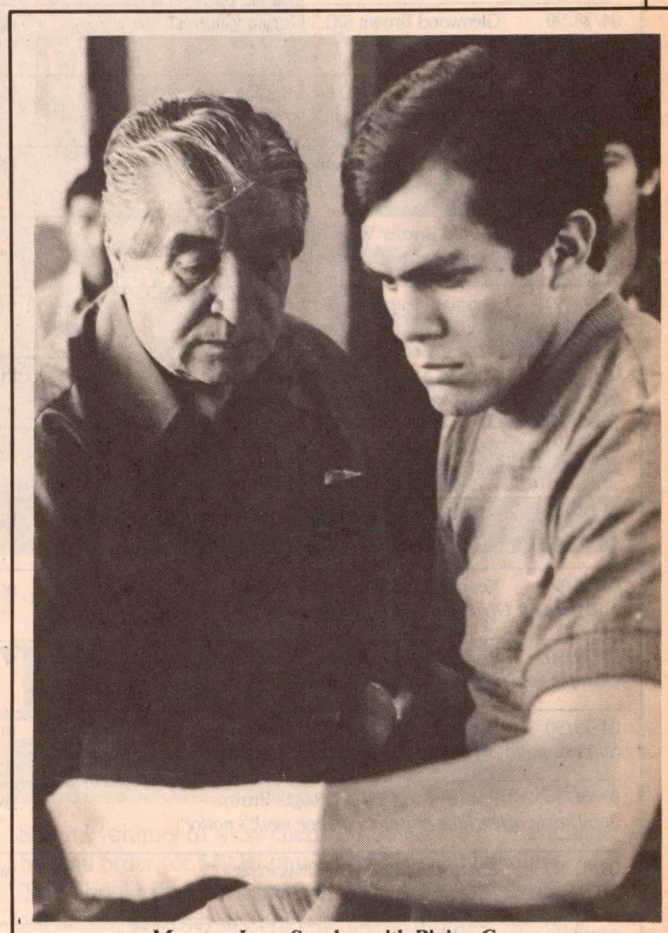
"There are no boundaries," says Rock Newman, Bowe's manager. "They just wing it."

Imus jabs away, needling the heavyweight about the level of Bowe's competition. Newman and Bowe respond by threatening to release potentially damaging photos of Imus. But, of course, it's show biz. Bowe's camp is considering hiring Imus as a cornerman for a future fight.

Wonder what Eddie Futch, Bowe's trainer, would think of that idea.

OUTSIDE THE ROPES: Boxing breakups: Ray Leonard and wife Juanita, Marvin Hagler and wife Bertha, and Buster Douglas and wife Bertha . . . Speaking of Douglas, the heavyweight champion and junior welterweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez will play boxers duped by unscrupulous promoters in the upcoming film *The Honored Society* . . . Jerry Quarry, 44 years old and denied a license to box in Nevada, was okayed in the guilt-free state of Wisconsin. Quarry hasn't fought since 1983 . . . A Hamilton County (Ohio) Municipal Court judge ordered former junior welterweight champion Aaron Pryor to undergo two years of drug treatment and rehabilitation. Pryor was arrested in Cincinnati last September when police found a cocaine pipe in his car. He was convicted of a drug paraphernalia charge . . . Veteran Mexican manager Lupe Sanchez died of a heart attack in April. Among the fighters the legendary Sanchez worked with: Pipino Cuevas, Humberto Gonzalez, and Gato Gonzalez . . . Sal Pascale, the manager of Renaldo Snipes, turned down $400,000 for a June fight with Mike Tyson. (Henry Tillman eventually signed to fight the former champion.) It was anticipated that Snipes would earn about $8,500 for his next fight, on a Madison Square Garden-promoted card in Callicoon, New York . . . Update: Former light heavyweight contender Eddie Cotton, featured in "Round One" of the July '90 issue of *The Ring,* finally secured a donor and had a liver transplant. He's doing well . . . Former middleweight contender Wilford Scypion, 31, returned to the ring after a two-year layoff and scored a first-round kayo over James Tarver in Biloxi, Mississippi . . . A Julio Cesar Chavez-Meldrick Taylor rematch? According to *The National*, trainer George Benton said that Taylor weighs "about 192 pounds," and "I don't think you'll ever see him at 140 pounds again."

THE PUNCHLINE: The Aaron Pryor debacle in Wisconsin was so pathetic that it became funny, in a sad sort of way. Much of the controversy, of course, stemmed from the fact that Wisconsin's Licensing and Regulations Department regarded Pryor's eye injuries as a handicap, and not a medical problem.



Manager Lupe Sanchez with Pipino Cuevas

According to *Newsday* columnist Wallace Matthews, Wisconsin went one step further when it recently licensed a blind deer hunter. Matthews wasn't kidding. He then suggested that Pryor fight the deer hunter so that no one would get hit.

Sometimes it's awfully hard to take boxing seriously. ■

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DATE	WINNER/LOSER	DIVISION	NETWORK	SIGNIFICANCE	MATCHUP	RESULT
04/17/90	George Foreman KO 4 Mike Jameson *Jameson tries but falls to Big George's wrecking-ball fists*	h	USA	B	C-	C+
04/18/90	Glenwood Brown KO 3 Hurlen Villarreal *Decent brawl for as long as it lasts*	w	MSG	B-	C+	C
04/19/90	Tracy Patterson KO 8 Kenny Mitchell *Busy Mitchell can't absorb Patterson's powerpunches*	NABF jf	ESPN	A-	B+	B
04/23/90	**Paul Banke KO 9 Daniel Zaragoza** *Behind on all cards, Banke rallies in thriller*	**WBC jf**	**PT**	**A**	**A-**	**A**
04/26/90	Harold Brazier W 12 Micky Ward *Brazier dominates in masterful performance*	jw	ESPN	B-	B+	B
04/28/90	Thomas Hearns W 12 Michael Olajide *Olajide extends bout by minimizing action*	sm	Show	A-	A-	C+
04/28/90	Michael Moorer KO 1 Mario Melo *Predictable result in matchup of southpaw bombers*	lh	Show	A-	B	C-
04/29/90	Andrew Maynard KO 3 Art Jimmerson *Exciting shootout till Jimmerson is spent*	NABF lh	ABC	A-	B	B
04/29/90	Nigel Benn KO 8 Doug DeWitt *Benn's speed and power overwhelm game but faded DeWitt*	m	ABC	B+	A-	A
04/29/90	Kenny Gould W 6 Verno Phillips *Fast pace for Olympian's 14th straight win*	w	ABC	C	B-	B
04/29/90	Robert Wangila W 6 Clarence White *Olympic gold medalist still lacks polish*	w	ABC	C	B-	B-
04/29/90	Lamar Parks KO 5 Chris Sande *Surprise ending in matchup of unbeaten prospects*	m	ABC	B	C-	B+
05/01/90	Rodney Moore KO 2 Roger Brown *Sub Brown offers little resistance on one week's notice*	jw	USA	C	D	F
05/03/90	Charles Murray KO 3 Elvis Perez *Murray looking like the class of the class of '88*	jw	ESPN	B-	B	C+
05/07/90	**Raul Perez KO 9 Gerardo Martinez** *Taller Perez outboxes challenger both inside and outside*	**WBC b**	**PT**	**A**	**A-**	**B-**
05/08/90	Riddick Bowe KO 1 Manny Contreras *Bowe's opposition has been Riddick-ulous*	h	USA	C+	C	D
05/10/90	Johnny Tapia KO 11 Roland Gomez *Tapia's speed and movement are the differences*	USBA jb	ESPN	B+	B+	B-
05/13/90	Jemal Hinton W 10 Alberto Martinez *His left eye closed, Hinton guts it out*	jf	NBC	B-	B	A-
05/13/90	Jesse Benavides KO 1 Kelvin Seabrooks *Always a terribly slow starter, Seabrooks crashes quickly*	USBA jf	NBC	B	B+	C-

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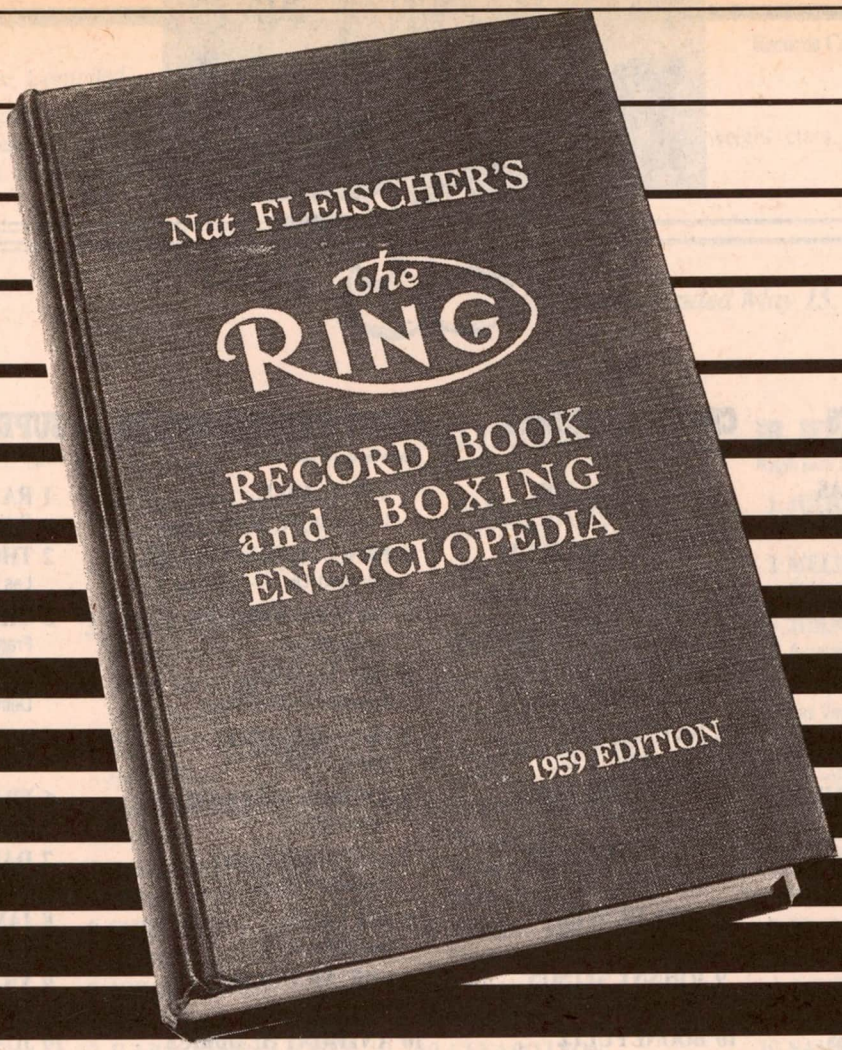

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Catskill, NY *37-1*

3 **EVANDER HOLYFIELD**
Atlanta, GA *23-0*

4 **RAZOR RUDDOCK**
Canada *23-1-1*

5 **TIM WITHERSPOON**
Philadelphia, PA *32-3*

6 **FRANCESCO DAMIANI**
Italy *25-0*

7 **CARL WILLIAMS**
White Plains, NY *22-3*

8 **TONY TUCKER**
Big Oaks, CA *37-1*

9 **ALEX STEWART**
Brooklyn, NY *24-1*

10 **RENALDO SNIPES**
Yonkers, NY *36-7-1*

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 195 pounds

1 **CARLOS DeLEON**
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2 **TAOUFIK BELBOULI**
France *29-1*

3 **JEFF LAMPKIN**
Youngstown, OH *34-13-1 (IBF Champ)*

4 **ROBERT DANIELS**
Miami, FL *17-1 (WBA Champ)*

5 **NATE MILLER**
Philadelphia, PA *16-1*

6 **ANACLET WAMBA**
France *27-1*

7 **GLENN McCRORY**
England *27-6*

8 **MIKE HUNTER**
Las Vegas, NV *14-2-2*

9 **JOHNNY NELSON**
England *17-5-1*

10 **BOONE PULTZ**
Tyler, TX *18-0*

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 175 pounds

1 **VIRGIL HILL**
Las Vegas, NV *27-0 (WBA Champ)*

2 **PRINCE CHARLES WILLIAMS**
Mansfield, OH *28-4-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 **MICHAEL MOORER**
Detroit, MI *20-0*

4 **JEFF HARDING**
Australia *17-0 (WBC Champ)*

5 **DENNIS ANDRIES**
Detroit, MI *36-8-2*

6 **ANDREW MAYNARD**
Laurel, MD *12-0*

7 **LESLIE STEWART**
Trinidad & Tobago *27-5*

8 **JOE LASISI**
Las Vegas, NV *22-1*

9 **ERIC NICOLETTA**
France *9-1*

10 **ANTHONY HEMBRICK**
Detroit, MI *14-0*

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 168 pounds

1 **RAY LEONARD**
Potomac, MD *36-1-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **THOMAS HEARNS**
Las Vegas, NV *47-3-1*

3 **CHRISTOPHE TIOZZO**
France *26-0 (WBA Champ)*

4 **LINDELL HOLMES**
Detroit, MI *41-5-1 (IBF Champ)*

5 **ANTOINE BYRD**
Los Angeles, CA *17-1-1*

6 **FRANK TATE**
Houston, TX *24-2*

7 **DARIO MATTEONI**
Argentina *25-1-1*

8 **JAMES KINCHEN**
San Diego, CA *47-7-2*

9 **VICTOR CORDOVA**
Panama *10-2*

10 **JUAN CARLOS GIMENEZ**
Paraguay *33-4-3*

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 135 pounds

1 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
Norfolk, VA *21-1 (IBF & WBC Champ)*

2 **JUAN NAZARIO**
Puerto Rico *22-2 (WBA Champ)*

3 **TRACY SPANN**
Plainfield, NJ *24-0*

4 **FREDDIE PENDLETON**
Miami, FL *25-17-3*

5 **GREG HAUGEN**
Henderson, NV *24-2-1*

6 **EDWIN ROSARIO**
Puerto Rico *35-4*

7 **JOHN DUPLESSIS**
New Orleans, LA *31-1*

8 **DAVID GONZALES**
San Jose, CA *23-1-1*

9 **POLI DIAZ**
Spain *28-0*

10 **PEDRO SANCHEZ**
New York, NY *15-0-1*

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 130 pounds

1 **AZUMAH NELSON**
Ghana *31-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **JOHN-JOHN MOLINA**
Puerto Rico *21-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 **BRIAN MITCHELL**
South Africa *41-1-2 (WBA Champ)*

4 **JEFF FENECH**
Australia *24-0*

5 **TONY LOPEZ**
Sacramento, CA *34-2*

6 **GENARO HERNANDEZ**
Los Angeles, CA *18-0*

7 **BERNARD TAYLOR**
Knoxville, TN *41-2-2*

8 **JUAN LaPORTE**
New York, NY *36-9*

9 **JOEY GAMACHE**
Lewiston, ME *19-0*

10 **MARIO MARTINEZ**
Mexico *48-6-2*

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 126 pounds

1 **ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA**
Venezuela *30-1-4 (WBA Champ)*

2 **JORGE PAEZ**
Mexico *35-2-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 **TROY DORSEY**
Dallas, TX *12-3-2*

4 **LOUIE ESPINOZA**
Phoenix, AZ *35-4-1*

5 **MAURIZIO STECCA**
Italy *37-1*

6 **PEE WEE PARKER**
Houston *21-3-2*

7 **MARCOS VILLASANA**
Mexico *49-7-2*

8 **RICARDO CEPEDA**
Bronx, NY *16-0-1*

9 **PAUL HODKINSON**
England *18-0-1*

10 **RAFAEL ZUNIGA**
Colombia *21-0-2*

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 122 pounds

1 **PAUL BANKE**
Quail Valley, CA *18-4 (WBC Champ)*

2 **JESSE BENAVIDES**
Corpus Christi, TX *31-1*

3 **DANIEL ZARAGOZA**
Mexico *40-5-1*

4 **JESUS SALUD**
San Diego, CA *32-4*

5 **WELCOME NCITA**
South Africa *25-0 (IBF Champ)*

6 **SEUNG HOON LEE**
South Korea *44-6-1*

7 **TRACY PATTERSON**
New Paltz, NY *34-2*

8 **PEDRO DECIMA**
Argentina *24-2*

9 **JEMAL HINTON**
District Heights, MD *13-0*

10 **NOREE JOCKYGYM**
Thailand *30-8-1*

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MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 160 pounds

1 **MICHAEL NUNN**
Los Angeles, CA *35-0 (IBF Champ)*

2 **SUMBU KALAMBAY**
Italy *48-4-1*

3 **MIKE McCALLUM**
Brooklyn, NY *38-1 (WBA Champ)*

4 **ROBERTO DURAN**
Miami, FL *85-8*

5 **IRAN BARKLEY**
Bronx, NY *25-6*

6 **HEROL GRAHAM**
England *43-2*

7 **MICHAEL WATSON**
England *22-2-1*

8 **NIGEL BENN**
England *26-1*

9 **DONALD CURRY**
Fort Worth, TX *32-3*

10 **STEVE COLLINS**
Brockton, MA *16-1*

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 154 pounds

1 **JULIAN JACKSON**
Virgin Islands *38-1 (WBA Champ)*

2 **GIANFRANCO ROSI**
Italy *48-3 (IBF Champ)*

3 **TERRY NORRIS**
Mission Valley, CA *25-3 (WBC Champ)*

4 **JOHN MUGABI**
Tampa, FL *36-3*

5 **JOHN DAVID JACKSON**
Tucson, AZ *20-0*

6 **RENE JACQUOT**
France *26-7-1*

7 **DARRIN VAN HORN**
Lexington, KY *44-1*

8 **CHRIS PYATT**
England *30-2*

9 **JORGE CASTRO**
Argentina *44-1-2*

10 **JULIO CESAR VAZQUEZ**
Argentina *22-0*

WELTERWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 147 pounds

1 **MARLON STARLING**
South Windsor, CT *45-6-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **SIMON BROWN**
Germantown, MD *32-1 (IBF Champ)*

3 **MARK BRELAND**
Brooklyn, NY *27-1-1 (WBA Champ)*

4 **BUDDY McGIRT**
Brentwood, NY *48-2-1*

5 **MAURICE BLOCKER**
Washington, D.C. *31-1*

6 **GLENWOOD BROWN**
Plainfeild, NJ *29-1*

7 **AARON DAVIS**
Bronx, NY *27-0*

8 **TYRONE TRICE**
Detroit, MI *36-3*

9 **ANTOINE FERNANDEZ**
France *33-1-1*

10 **GENARO LEON**
Mexico *35-2-1*

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 140 pounds

1 **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ**
Mexico *68-0 (WBC & IBF Champ)*

2 **MELDRICK TAYLOR**
Philadelphia, PA *24-1-1*

3 **JUAN COGGI**
Argentina *45-1-2 (WBA Champ)*

4 **ROGER MAYWEATHER**
Las Vegas, NV *36-6*

5 **HECTOR CAMACHO**
Big Cypress, FL *37-0*

6 **LORETO GARZA**
Sacramento, CA *26-1-1*

7 **LOUIE LOMELI**
Melrose Park, IL *27-1*

8 **FRANKIE RANDALL**
Morristown, TN *40-2-1*

9 **SANTOS CARDONA**
New York City *17-3*

10 **SAMMY FUENTES**
Puerto Rico *20-7-1*

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 118 pounds

1 **RAUL PEREZ**
Mexico *47-1-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **ORLANDO CANIZALES**
Laredo, TX *23-1-1 (IBF Champ)*

3 **LUISITO ESPINOSA**
Philippines *22-5 (WBA Champ)*

4 **ISRAEL CONTRERAS**
Venezuela *32-2-1*

5 **WILFREDO VASQUEZ**
Puerto Rico *28-3-3*

6 **PEPILLO VALDEZ**
Mexico *36-3*

7 **GERARDO MARTINEZ**
San Jose, CA *23-1*

8 **HURLEY SNEAD**
Detroit, MI *39-2-1*

9 **BILLY HARDY**
England *22-5-1*

10 **GREG RICHARDSON**
Youngstown, OH *26-3*

JR. BANTAMWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 115 pounds

1 **KHAOSAI GALAXY**
Thailand *43-1 (WBA Champ)*

2 **MOON SUNG KIL**
South Korea *11-1 (WBC Champ)*

3 **NANA KONADU**
Ghana *18-1-1*

4 **ROBERT QUIROGA**
San Antonio, TX *16-0 (IBF Champ)*

5 **GILBERTO ROMAN**
Mexico *54-5-1*

6 **JOSE RUIZ**
Puerto Rico *16-2*

7 **THANOMSAK SITHBAOBEY**
Thailand *30-1*

8 **SHUNICHI NAKAJIMA**
Japan *23-4*

9 **KID AKEEM**
Las Vegas, NV *18-0*

10 **JOHNNY TAPIA**
Albuquerque, NM *17-0-1*

FLYWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 112 pounds

1 **SOT CHITALADA**
Thailand *21-2-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **YUL WOO LEE**
South Korea *19-2 (WBA Champ)*

3 **DAVE McAULEY**
Ireland *15-2-2 (IBF Champ)*

4 **JUNG KOO CHANG**
South Korea *37-2*

5 **JESUS ROJAS**
Venezuela *19-2-1*

6 **RICHARD CLARKE**
Jamaica *23-2*

7 **JAVIER LUCAS**
Mexico *37-5*

8 **LEOPARD TAMAKUMA**
Japan *25-4*

9 **ROMY NAVARETTE**
Philippines *36-9-1*

10 **YONG KANG KIM**
South Korea *19-2*

POUND FOR POUND

Boxing's 10 Best Fighters, Pound For Pound

1 **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ**
Junior Welterweight

2 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
Lightweight

3 **MICHAEL NUNN**
Middleweight

4 **ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA**
Featherweight

5 **MELDRICK TAYLOR**
Junior Welterweight

6 **BUSTER DOUGLAS**
Heavyweight

7 **MIKE TYSON**
Heavyweight

8 **RAUL PEREZ**
Bantamweight

9 **AZUMAH NELSON**
Junior Lightweight

10 **YUH MYUNG WOO**
Light Flyweight

KATZ

SCAN

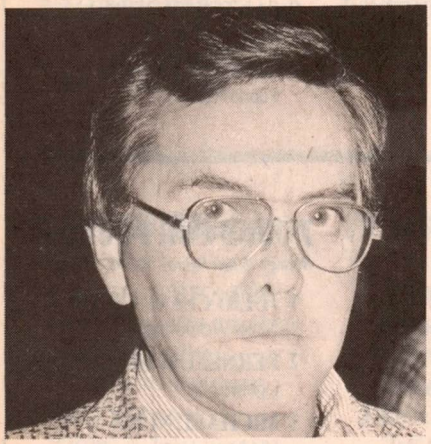
AN IMPRESSIVE BUNCH

By Michael Katz

I have listened to Red Smith and Jack Murphy swap tales and heard Jim Murray talk about covering Richard Nixon. I was there in the Mexican restaurant when Bob Waters awoke from his nap and proclaimed, "I'm younger than Rock Hudson." I have run with Fast Eddie Schuyler and Tripod Pat Putnam, and I have had screaming matches with Dick Young and bawled out Big George Kimball, the one-eyed wild bull. And I tell you that if I never cover another fight, when I look back in wonder at it all, the most meaningful laughs—and tears—were shared with my beloved colleagues.

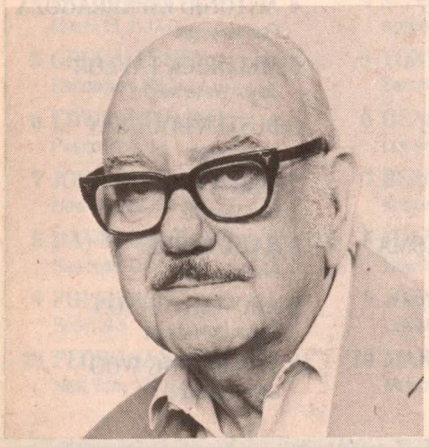
It is the autumn of my mind, and while the brain cells fall in brilliant confusion, it worries me that I have seen too many punches. So, before I forget, I would like to dedicate a few words to the Working Press, the "boss scribes," as Don King likes to say. It is also the Playing Press, the Laughing Press, the Drinking Press.

It has changed, of course. Robin and Ruth raised the tabloid circulation wars to new lows, and the competition was sometimes ugly. There has been a perceptible loss of *joie* on the beat lately, mostly, I suspect, because my contemporaries are fewer, and I shall never be able to drink cranberry juice and chase skirts with the new breed. Ah, but them were the days, my friend. To wit, and not a moment too soon:

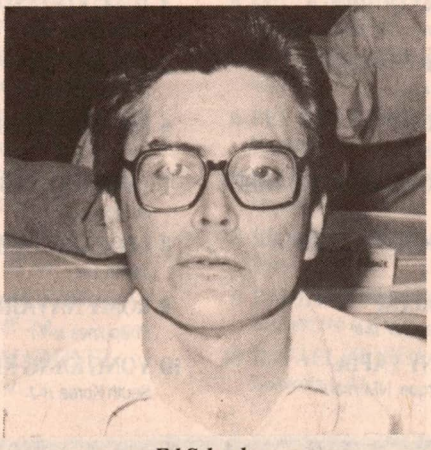


Pat Putnam

Barney Nagler



Bob Waters



Ed Schuyler

Fast Eddie is walking into Caesars Palace with a bunch of the British writers before the Mike Tyson-Frank Bruno affair. One of the Brits notes that Bruno's musculature was the same as one of the Caesars statues.

"Bruno's not that fast," says the Bard of Barbs from the Associated Press.

"The only reason we won the Revolutionary War," advises ex-Marine Putnam, "is that all the British troops were heavyweights."

The British have been coming to major fights here for years. It has been one of the perks of my job to carouse with them. They are by no means chauvinistic. They were incensed when Joe Bugner, after his lethargic effort against Muhammad Ali in Malaysia, went for a swim the day after the bout. They questioned Bugner's manhood until the reluctant warrior snapped he would fight anybody, even Jesus Christ.

I've received no greater help than from the aforementioned Schuyler, Putnam, Waters, and

the irascible Barney Nagler, who proves that even curmudgeons can be lovable. Barney was reluctantly playing the "Who-was-the-greatest-puncher" game with the late Milt Richman. He supplied the name of Joe Louis. Richman retorted with Carmine Vingo.

"Carmine Vingo?" Barney's eyebrows must have reached six feet, or several inches above his hairline.

"I'm entitled to my opinion," Milt sputtered.

"Not when you're wrong, you're not," Barney countered.

Barney, long an idol of mine, is from an older generation, one that venerated the language, and whose greatest exponent was Red Smith. Red rubbed off on people. You sat next to him and you automatically wrote better. The first story I ever wrote for money was written on Red's typewriter. Irving T. Marsh pointed me to the old Royal. "It spells pretty good, kid," he said.

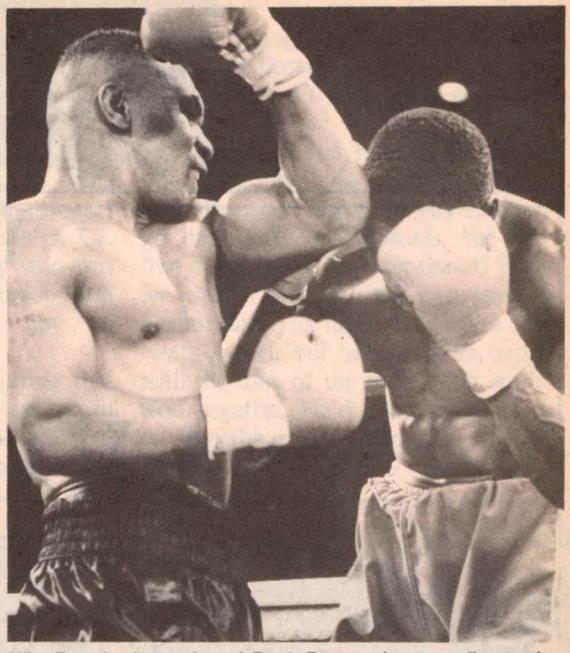
Red, despite the purity of language in his column, was no Victorian stuffed shirt. He was a two-fisted drinker and smoker, a man's man as well as a writer's writer. We were heading for a Super Bowl press bus, when Red noticed that we had cut through a long line. "I hate this doyen s___," he said, and he meant it.

Red was quick, too. When Larry Holmes knocked down Charley "Devil" Green with a cuff to the ear on the Ali-Chuck Wepner undercard, Red cracked, "That's the trouble with Charlie. He's got a glass ear."

Until age slowed us all somewhat, my usual runningmates were Schuyler, Putnam, and Kimball, exponents of the philosophy, "No sex, please, we're drinking."

Putnam, who hates to admit it, is a Korean War hero, a Navy Cross winner who just happens to give *Sports Illustrated* the best boxing writing in the country. He also set me on fire once, which is how we got to be close friends. I was not drunk, just tired, really, when I dozed off in a Vegas Hilton lounge chair. Pat had just read a book about the Vikings, and it must have been my beard that inspired him to send me to a Viking funeral. But I remained cool. I was asleep, after all, and the flames were quickly doused by Richie Giachetti's wife, Nancy, and Paula Phelps of *Sports Illustrated*. When I laughed about it, Putnam decided "you're as crazy as I am," and we've been nuts together ever since.

At the Holmes-Ossie Ocasio fight, nobody could take the matchup seriously, and there was a full moon shining. Jack Welsh, now a *Ring* correspondent but then working for the *Philadelphia Journal,* went on a binge, bought a large stuffed animal, propped it on the stool next to him, and kept buying it drinks. After a few rounds—Jack ran up a $400 bar bill that afternoon—he got up in a huff. "If you're not going to buy a drink," he said to the animal, "I'm leaving." Jack didn't last as long as the *Journal,* but he has resurfaced and remained sober in Vegas, of all places.



Mike Tyson's destruction of Frank Bruno, who, according to the Associated Press' Ed Schuyler, is slower than a statue.

Back then, nobody could have been kinder to a neophyte than *Newsday's* Uncle Bob Waters was to me. Uncle Bob was a legend. After his stroke, when the doctor extracted a promise from him never to drink another Rob Roy, Bob switched to martinis. "No fruit—it displaces the booze," said the inventor of the Dickens martini (no olives or twist). He told a young barmaid once, "Thanks to you, my dear, I shall never forget the taste of vermouth." Bob was also the writer to whom Bob Arum issued his now-infamous crack, "Yesterday I was lying, today I'm telling the truth."

Waters' favorite story was when he boxed an exhibition with then-world middleweight champion Tony Zale during World War II. At the end of the first round, with the champ doing his best not to do any damage, Bob couldn't resist the temptation to land a left hook. Zale seethed as the bell rang. "I'm going to kill you," he advised.

Waters returned to his corner and told his seconds to cut off the gloves. They were shocked. "He said he was going to kill me and I believe him," Waters explained. It was announced that Chief Warrant Officer Waters had sprained an ankle and could not continue.

Putnam said Waters was "the kind of man we all hoped to be"—a Latin scholar, Anglophile, and great boxing writer. (Waters was also boxing-smart, picking Clay over Liston, Foreman over Frazier, and Ali over Foreman.) At Bob's funeral, Putnam looked at the huge wreath of roses over the casket. "It looks like Bob just won the Kentucky Derby," he said.

You could almost hear Waters chuckle. He loved irreverence, which was one of the reasons he loved Putnam. Sugar Ray Leonard was explaining at the end of a massive pre-Hagler fight press conference that he was tired of the questions about his eyes. One more question, he said. At the far end of the room, Putnam inquired, "How many fingers am I holding up, Ray?"

For the quick one-liner, though, Fast Eddie Schuyler is peerless. At the Tyson-Tubbs bout in Tokyo, a guy noted how beautiful the Japanese fight program was. Said Eddie, "They asked me to do a piece, but I forgot my paintbrush."

Then there's Kimball. George is not your typical Bostonian. The *Herald* columnist once ran on the Democratic line against the incumbent sheriff in Lawrence, Kansas, a one-armed gent. Kimball's campaign slogan: "What this town needs is a two-fisted sheriff." He got away with it, but didn't win.

George has only one eye. Which doesn't affect his hearing. After listening to Joe Frazier's nightclub act, he decided, "Joe can't sing, but I'm not going to be the one to tell him."

There are other times and other laughs and other guys, and to all of you, if you can't take a joke . . . ■

RYAN

OUT LOUD

A HAPPY HEART

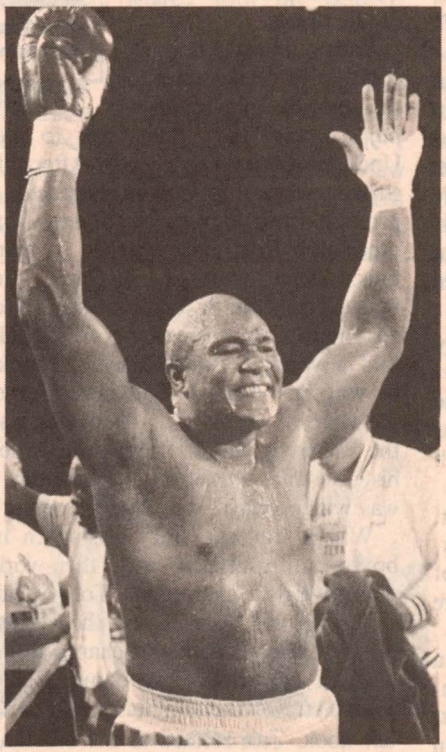
By Jeff Ryan

Big George Foreman turns the steering wheel, and the big blue van heads down a ramp and onto Highway 59. Foreman turns to look at me, then returns his gaze to the stretch of Texas highway in front of him. He looks at me again, then back at the road. He is smiling, suddenly enthralled, and it has nothing to do with the fact that off in the distance, but close enough to be recognizable, is the bright yellow sign for a Denny's.

"You saw that fight?" he says in amazement. "Really?" He shakes his head. "*He* was tough. There's nobody around today who can take a punch like that."

I've been telling him about the first time I ever saw him fight. Well, sort of. It was more like the first time I ever *heard* him fight. It was the summer of 1970, and I was just one of countless 10-year-olds spending a week at the Jersey shore with Mom, Dad, and kid sister. (Ah, yes, misty saltwater-colored memories of the way we were.) Those were the days. All the sand, sun, and sibling rivalry a kid could ever ask for.

Anyway, one night, Foreman, a 22-year-old prospect with Olympic gold in his trophy case and iron in his fists, was pounding on George Chuvalo at Madison Square Garden, and my father was pounding on the bed in the motel, yelling hysterically that the fight should be stopped. Too many spins on the boardwalk's Tilt-O-Whirl and/or too many attempts at drowning my sister had left me exhausted, so I kept the covers pulled over my head. Foreman kept punching. Chuvalo kept catching. Dad kept yelling. I kept tossing and turning.



Foreman is still knocking out his opponents, but now he does so with a smile, not a scowl.

Eventually, the referee would intervene, and everyone would feel sorry for Chuvalo. But not me. I would envy him. Though he'd had to take a few dozen punches to do it, he at least had been able to get some shut-eye.

"You know what?" a smiling Foreman says. "That fight was the first time I ever knew that I was gonna be someone. After I beat Chuvalo, a whole bunch of people were hanging around outside the dressing room. I thought they were people who worked at the Garden. But Bobby Lewis, a guy who was working my corner, said, 'You know why they're here? They're waiting for *your* autograph.' "

At the time, Foreman was an American hero. Still fresh in everyone's mind was his performance at the Olympics two years earlier. Foreman had fought splendidly, yet, no matter how impressive the kayos, no guy with gloves on his fists was going to get more attention in Mexico City than Tommy Smith and John Carlos, sprinters who had raised their own gloved fists in a Black Power salute on the victory stand as "The Star-Spangled Banner" played in the background.

But Foreman earned fans from sea to shining sea when he pulled a tiny American flag from his robe after winning gold, and waved it to the crowd. He made even more friends when he later explained that the gesture wasn't a calculated answer to the protests of Smith and Carlos, but just a spontaneous expression of his own patriotism.

Foreman is just as red, white, and true-blue today.

"This is a good van, a Ford," Foreman says as he steps down on the accelerator. "I have a Chevy pickup at

home, too. I only buy domestic."

Foreman may have never lost his love for America, but at some point, it lost its love for him. Sometime after Mexico City, something happened. Mainly, Foreman became an assassin. He took Joe Frazier, a gentleman who gained untold popularity for maintaining his dignity when Muhammad Ali taunted and belittled him, and dribbled him around the ring like he was Curly Neal with a basketball in his hand. He hit a poor excuse for an opponent, Joe Roman, when the overmatched pug was on the canvas. (Never mind that Roman had spit at Foreman during the prefight instructions.)

He crushed nice guy Ken Norton. He uttered quotes like, "I want to be the most destructive man in the whole world. I want to be an executioner." Even his trainer, Dick Sadler, was moved to say one day in 1974, "I have created me a monster." In the weeks before he fought Ali that year, Foreman walked around Zaire in the native African robes and greeted the locals. But on fight night, the crowd still chanted, "Ali, *boma ye!*" Translation: "Ali, kill him!"

Even after Ali exposed Foreman as human, Big George evoked little sympathy. He complained that the ropes had been purposely loosened in Zaire, that his food was poisoned, that his corner had ordered him to take a 10-count. Next, he beat up five pathetic bozos in one afternoon and even wrestled with one on the canvas after their fight was over. Then, when Frazier's popularity was again soaring in the wake of "The Thrilla in Manila," Foreman beat him up again.

He could be surly, curt, and nasty. "I was a sparring partner for Sonny Liston," he explains. "I admired the way he acted. I'd scare media guys, stare people down. I wanted to be dangerous."

It was after he retired and became a preacher that Foreman realized that was not the way to win friends and influence people.

"As a minister, your job is to get people to listen to you," he says. "I'd be telling someone about religion, and in the middle of the conversation, they'd say, 'I gotta go.' That's when I realized what I was doing to all those media guys. They were just trying to do their jobs, and I'd just up and walk away in the middle of interviews."

Today, Foreman is compensating for such oversights. A few days before the Gerry Cooney fight in January, he went so far as to interrupt his sparring, climb out of the ring, tape a TV interview, then go back to finish his workout.

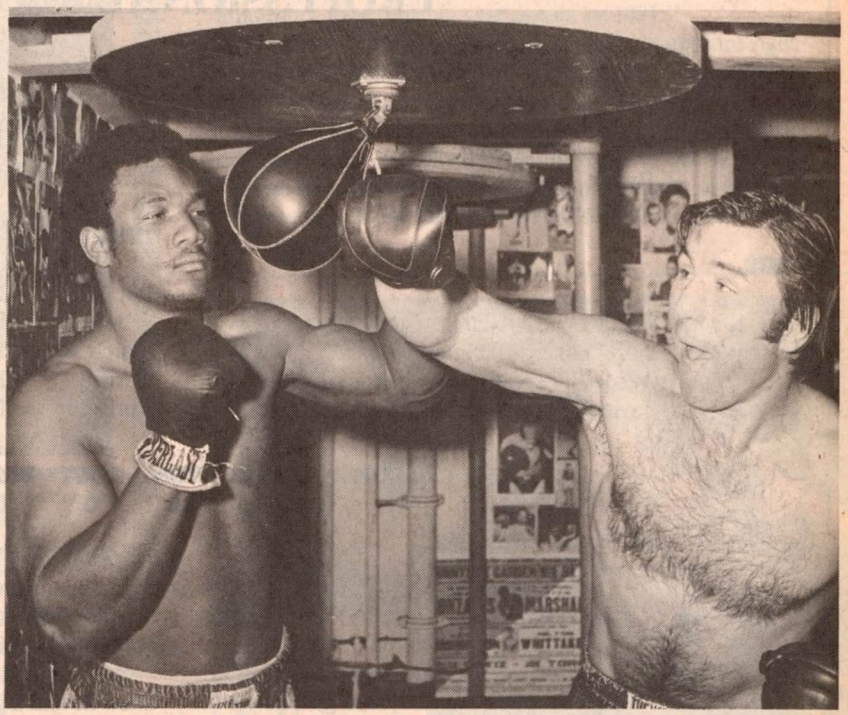
"The second time around, I'm oversensitive to people," he says. "I won't be giving the cold shoulder to anyone."

"It's ironic," says NBC analyst Dr. Ferdie Pacheco, "that a guy who was a super asshole as champion has turned into the nicest guy in boxing."

Foreman told *Sport* magazine that he came back because he was bored sitting around the house and tired of looking at a 300+-pound blob in the mirror every morning. And everyone assumes the reason he stayed once he was back was the money. That's one reason, perhaps, but not the only reason. Maybe not even the main reason.

I recall Foreman prancing around the ring after one of his fights, like Hulk Hogan or The Ultimate Warrior, whipping the crowd into a chant of "We Want Tyson!" I remember the song "Proud To Be An American" playing as he entered the ring for the Cooney fight. I think about the look on his face when he recalled that mob of well-wishers outside Madison Square Garden that summer night 20 years ago. And I start to get the impression that maybe the reason George Foreman is having so much fun this time around is because, for the first time since Mexico City, he is a good guy again.

The monster has become the underdog. The sure-thing is now the long-shot. He is the bald, old guy ready to go up against young studs, the way that a shaven-headed over-the-hill Frazier tried to defy the odds in a rematch against him. His first career was a successful novel, but he was never happy with the tone of the work. Too crude. Too negative. He'd like the sequel to be something a kid can pick up and read.



When Foreman faced iron-jawed George Chuvalo in 1970, he was still perceived as an Olympic hero. Twenty years later, he's won back the fans, who have enthusiastically supported his comeback.

And if the press that once wrote about him with words like "unbeatable" and "invincible" and "spectacular" now trash his every move, so be it. After all, the crowds who once booed and hissed and called for his head on the end of Muhammad Ali's left jab now cheer him, chant with him, and—most incredibly of all—believe in him.

George Foreman's waistline has gotten a lot bigger, but so, too, has his heart. If he somehow defies the experts and strikes gold again, don't be surprised if the flag he pulls out of his robe is something best-suited for halftime at the Super Bowl. ■

NEW

FACES

SHARMBA MITCHELL

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

1988

Sept. 23	Ed Colon, Atlantic City	KO 3
Oct. 11	Randy Kearse, Atlantic City	KO 2
Nov. 22	Willie Rivera, Atlantic City	W 4

1989

Jan. 15	Craig Wills, Atlantic City	W 4
March 23	Tom Baker, Baltimore	W 6
April 27	Verol Liverpool, Washington, D.C.	W 6
May 23	Javier Lopez, Atlantic City	KO 2
Aug. 16	Perry McQueen, Washington, D.C.	KO 1
Sept. 21	Aristedes Acevedo, Atlantic City	W 8
Oct. 26	Juan Torres, Atlantic City	KO 3
Nov. 16	Joe Alexander, Atlantic City	W 8

1990

Jan. 11	Dana Roston, Atlantic City	KO 1
Feb. 1	Bobby Brewer, Atlantic City	W 8
March 8	Bazooka Limon, Atlantic City	W 8
April 3	Billy Young, Philadelphia	W 10
April 29	Nigel Wenton, Atlantic City	W 8

RECORD:	FIGHTS	WON	LOST	DREW	KO
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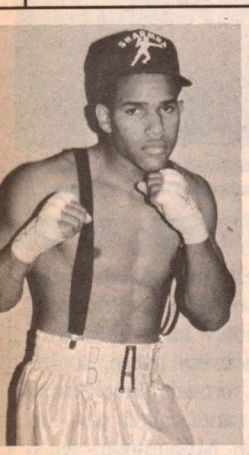


By Eric Bottjer

Sharmba Mitchell is late. When he saunters in at 1:30 p.m. to the Maryland gym where he trains, he offers no apologies for his tardiness. At 11:30 a.m. he was to tell the story of his young life, but when you're 19, there are better ways to spend prime Saturday time.

Dressed in blue jeans and jacket, with a black shirt and western tie, Sharmba (pronounced Sharm-Bay) barely passes for 19. But in the ring, where he is undefeated as a lightweight, Mitchell fights like a 25-year-old.

He is a smooth boxer who claims never to have been hurt, much less knocked down, in 148 amateur and 15 pro fights. The only flaw in his smooth face is a chipped tooth, courtesy of a rough sleigh ride.

"Sharmba's a special fighter in that he's got a better than 50-50 shot at winning a world championship," says his trainer, Adrian Davis, a former top-10 welterweight. "Not many fighters can truthfully say they have that talent."

Davis and his wife Brenda have guided Mitchell since he began boxing at age eight. Mitchell's father, Charles, turned his son over to the Davises when the youngster was regularly beating the tar out of schoolmates.

"Adrian had gone to school with my older sister, and I knew he had a gym in Hyattsville [Maryland]," Charles Mitchell remembers. "I went over to see him and brought Sharmba. There was a little boy working out there, and Sharmba was watching him hit the heavybag. He just watched this boy the whole time. When I went to leave, Sharmba started crying, saying he wanted to stay. He hasn't left the gym yet."

"I was into sports even then, and I liked to fight," Mitchell says. "When I first went to Davis' gym, he asked me one question: Are you going to cry when you get hit?" Mitchell hasn't cried yet.

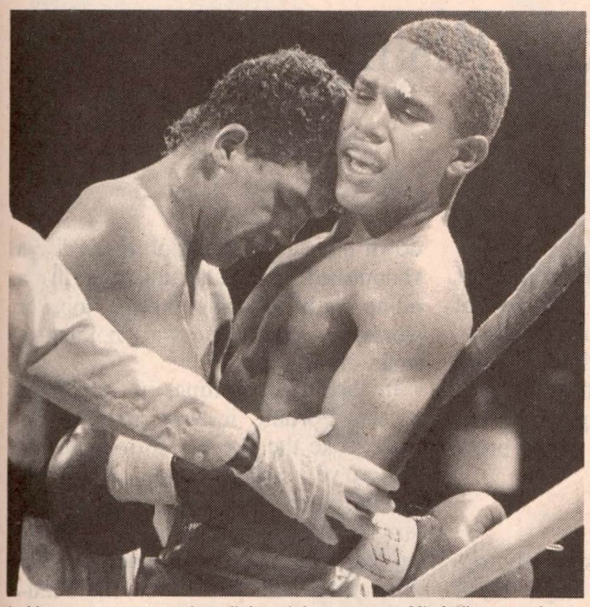
The only problem Davis had with Mitchell concerned his stance. A natural right-hander, Mitchell instinctively took a southpaw's stance when he started sparring. After many attempts to switch Mitchell to orthodox, Davis gave up, and Mitchell has fought lefty ever since.

Mitchell won five local Golden Gloves titles, as well as two Junior Olympics crowns. In 1988, his last year as an amateur, he lost to Ed Hopson in the National Golden Gloves featherweight finals. He also failed in his attempt to make the '88 Olympic team, losing in the Eastern regionals to Kevin Kelley.

Rather than wait another four years to try for the 1992 Olympics, Mitchell turned pro. As a paid puncher, he has found new opponents: critics. "He can't punch," they say, noting Mitchell's total of only six kayos in 16 fights.

"I tell Sharmba not to worry about what people say," Davis says. "He's a young fighter, and he's fighting guys older than he is. It makes a big difference. The important thing is that he's winning, and he's dominating the people he fights. He's not losing any rounds."

Mitchell claims not to be bothered by the criticism. His boxing style remains the same. The only drastic change has come in his ring attire.



In his most recent outing, lightweight prospect Mitchell seemed uncomfortable with the aggressive tactics of England's Nigel Wenton. A butt had opened a cut on Mitchell's forehead in the third round.

In Mitchell's March fight against faded former 130-pound champion Bazooka Limon, the clowning Mexican pulled Mitchell's trunks down to his knees, giving the prospect a different type of exposure. Now Mitchell wears suspenders in the ring, taking them off, of course, before the opening bell. He wants paisley straps for his next fight.

"A guy from USA cable asked me where my suspenders were before my fight with Billy Young," Mitchell says. "He was joking, but I thought it was a good idea. We went out and bought some red ones to match my trunks."

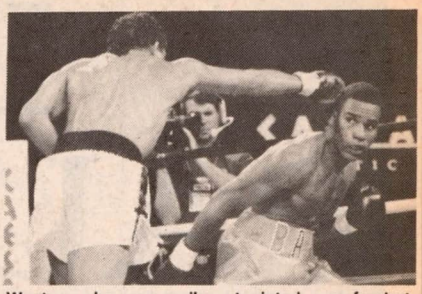
For the Young fight, Mitchell added another touch: running dialogue.

"I was watching some Muhammad Ali tapes, and he was talking to his opponents, frustrating them," he said. "I liked that, so I decided to do it in the [Young] fight.

"I was telling him where I was going to hit him, and then I'd do it. He lost his composure, he was saying things back, not thinking about what he had to do in the fight."

Such tactics were mastered by the fighters Mitchell most admires, Ali and Hector Camacho. Both won world titles while in their early-20s, and Mitchell would like to better his heroes in this regard. He wants a title shot before his 20th birthday on August 27.

Davis realizes such a timetable could result in disaster. Mitchell has yet to be tested as a pro. He owns wins over a few name opponents—a first-round demolition of a worn Dana Roston, the farce with Limon, in which Bazooka showed up with a Buddha belly, and the 10-rounder with Young, a former prospect. But no one has extended him.

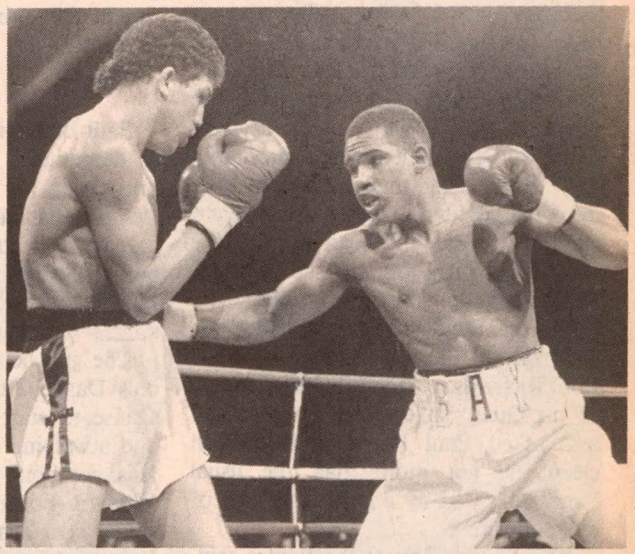


Wenton, who was easily outpointed, was frustrated by southpaw Mitchell's speed and mobility.

"Sharmba has to realize it takes more than one year to make a champion," says Davis, who also handles his son Victor, a top-10 welterweight, and 10 other pros. "It took Sugar Ray Leonard three years to win the title. It should take Sharmba the same amount of time. His big year should be 1991."

"I believe I can be competitive with the champions right now," says Mitchell. "Pernell Whitaker, he's a good fighter, but he doesn't have anything I can't handle."

Mitchell interrupts the conversation when his beeper goes off. He may be the only teenager in America besides Doogie Howser to wear one. "I don't stay home much, so people can reach me if I wear one." He pauses, then adds, "Mostly it's for girls."



Mitchell is quick, but he has a relatively poor kayo record. He smacked Wenton to the body and head, but never hurt the British prospect.

Brenda Davis rolls her eyes. About two months ago, she and Mitchell had that talk managers have with young fighters concerning girls. "We're still talking," she laughs.

College is what keeps Mitchell away from home. He takes classes at Howard University in Washington, D.C., and is working toward a degree in finance. When he retires, he would like to open his own gym and manage fighters, and perhaps branch into other aspects of the boxing business. He says he may work with the Davises in this regard.

Brenda Davis hears this and tells Mitchell that it's possible, under one condition: "You're going to have to show up on time." ■

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JUNIOR FEATHER CHAMP

PAUL BANKE

His Interest Rate Is Rising

By Jeff Ryan

They'd played out this scenario so many times before. The fighter would be off the junk for weeks, sometimes months, and then he'd meet his friends for one of those Saturday nights where willpower always gets up and excuses itself from the room once the backslapping and loud music start. The next day, the manager would ask him if he was clean, and the fighter would inevitably say, "Sure." The manager would look into the fighter's eyes, then they'd climb in the car and head to a nearby clinic for a drug test, the sad result of which they both already knew.

But this Sunday morning was different from all the rest. This time, when Bob Richardson stood in the kitchen of his Quail Valley, California, house and asked Paul Banke if he'd been clean, he got more than the usual "yes" followed by a noticeable lack of eye contact.

"Yeah, I'm clean," the fighter said. But then, sensing that he wasn't being believed, he tried the honest approach for once. "I just did a little marijuana," he said.

His honesty was not appreciated. The manager exploded.

"I lost my temper and started slapping him around," says the 6'2", 225-pound Richardson. "That had never happened before, but I just lost it. I screamed at him, 'If you think a little marijuana is no big deal, that's your whole f____ problem right there!' Even though Paul is small [5'4½" and 122 pounds], he never let anyone in his life put their hands on him like that. He started crying, and then I started crying, too."

For "The Real" Paul Banke, super bantamweight contender, sampler of marijuana and speed, indulger of alcohol and cocaine, and full-time migraine for an overly understanding manager pushed to the edge of his patience, this day in the spring of 1989 would prove to be the last straw.

Literally.

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Paul Banke is trying desperately, oh, so desperately, to stifle a laugh. He is not doing a very good job of it. *"Oooh,* that face," he says, finally giving up the struggle. "It was outrageous. Scary! I didn't want to look him in the face. I shouldn't be talkin' s____, but that guy was *ugly."*

The guy he's talking about is Mexico's Daniel Zaragoza, no Newman or Cruise to start with, but an old man and a walking shipwreck when Banke's fists got done with him at the Great Western Forum in April. In an inspired performance, the 26-year-old Banke, oblivious to the countless combinations bouncing off his face, stalked the WBC super bantamweight king relentlessly for eight rounds before flooring him twice in the ninth. The second knockdown, the result of a gorgeous left to the jaw, dropped Zaragoza on his side and inspired referee John Thomas to stop the fight and end the Mexican's reign after 26 months and six title defenses.

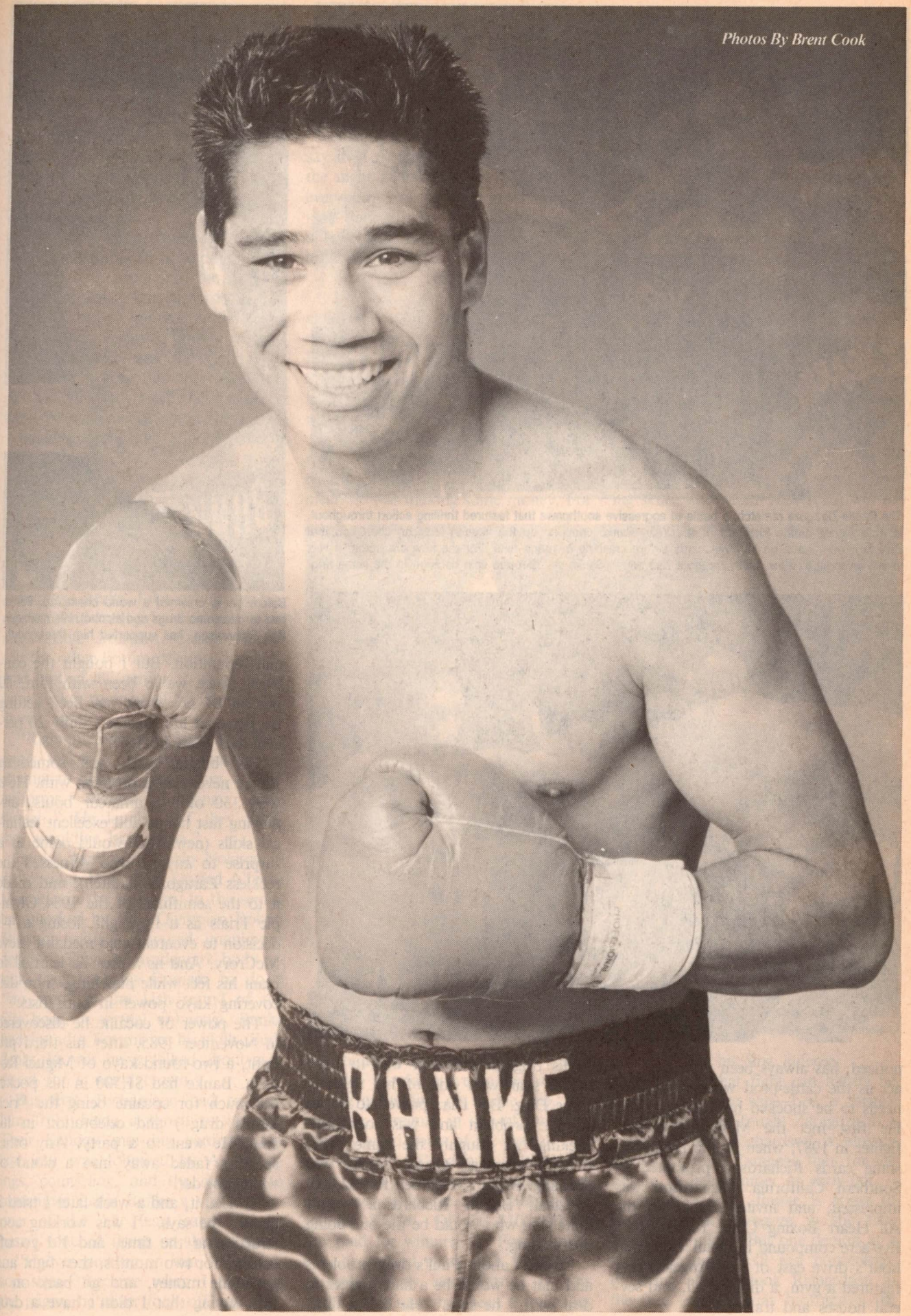
When Zaragoza, who led by three, four, and six points at the time of the stoppage, walked across the ring to offer the new champion congratulations, his lips were red and raw, and his eyes were slits from which small trickles of blood dripped in neat, straight lines down his cheeks. He looked less like a vanquished champion and more like a mime with a bad makeup job, or worse, a clown. One with nothing to smile about.

In their first meeting, in June 1989 at the Forum, it was Banke who looked like the clown. He mugged for the crowd, smiled, made silly faces, and talked to Zaragoza throughout the early rounds. But he rallied late, flooring Zaragoza in round nine for only the second knockdown of the Mexican's career. At the final bell, Banke thought he'd done enough to win. He bounced on his toes gleefully as the split decision was being read, but when he heard ring announcer Jimmy Lennon Jr. intone, " . . . and *still* WBC super bantamweight champion," he dropped to his knees in despair.

"I clowned too much, and my family sure put me down for it, but I did it out of nervousness," Banke now says. "I was so pumped up that my trainer, Steve Rosenszeig, was telling me things, and he said it was like I wasn't even there. I knew the fight was close, but it was on my turf and I thought I won, so I was confident they'd give it to me. Looking back at it on tape, I don't think I won. He outsmarted me."

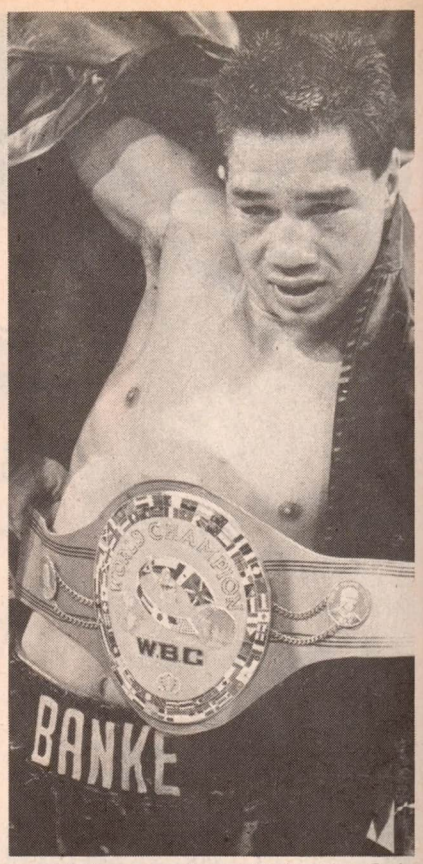
Banke's admission of defeat is a rare one for a fighter, especially one who had earned the favor of one of the judges. But the fighter didn't really have a chance to delude himself. Immediately after the bout, when Banke was still thinking he'd been robbed, Richardson made his own feelings clear. He, like the other two judges, thought Zaragoza had won.

Richardson, if you haven't already



Photos By Brent Cook

The Banke-Zaragoza rematch, a battle of aggressive southpaws that featured thrilling action throughout, is a strong candidate for Fight of the Year. Banke chopped up the veteran Mexican champion, but Zaragoza was ahead on all three cards before crashing in round nine. For the new champion, it was sweet revenge: In June 1989, Zaragoza had edged Banke via 12-round split decision in the same ring.



Before being crowned a world champion, Banke had to overcome drugs and alcohol. His manager, Bob Richardson, has supported him throughout.

noticed, has always been right there to act as the cattle-prod whenever Banke needs to be shocked back into reality. He first met the Mexican-American fighter in 1987, when Banke fought on some cards Richardson promoted in Southern California. Richardson was impressed, and invited Banke to the All Heart Boxing Club, Richardson's five-acre compound in Quail Valley (an hour's drive east of Los Angeles) that featured a gym, a dining hall, and several houses and trailers.

His original intention was to have Banke spar with one of his fighters, Jorge Diaz. But Diaz proved to be an attitude problem and was soon sent packing. At roughly the same time, Banke's manager, Oscar Garcia, was peddling Banke's contract for $2,000. A steal. Except Richardson wasn't quite sure who would be the one doing the stealing.

"I knew about Paul's drug problems and that he would be a hard fighter to deal with," he says. "He had a difficult reputation. But I bought the contract. Since we've been with him, 80 percent of our work has been getting his personal life together. Only 20 percent has been boxing."

The boxing part was something Banke never had a problem with. He'd won 150 of 175 amateur bouts, displaying fast hands and excellent technical skills (news that would come as a surprise to anyone who witnessed the reckless Zaragoza rematch), and made it to the semifinals of the 1984 Olympic Trials as a flyweight, losing a 4-1 decision to eventual gold medalist Steve McCrory. And as a pro, he learned to plant his feet while punching, soon discovering kayo power in both fists.

The power of cocaine he discovered in November 1985, after his third pro fight, a two-round kayo of Miguel Rodella. Banke had $1,500 in his pocket (so much for cocaine being the "rich man's drug") and celebration in his soul. He went to a party. Any other specifics faded away into a cloud of white powder.

"I tried it, and a week later I tried it again," he says. "I was working construction at the time, and I'd go off cocaine for two months, then fight and get some money, and go back on. I kept saying that I didn't have a drug

problem. Compared to my friends, I didn't."

He won 10 of his first 12 fights before suffering a crushing seventh-round kayo defeat to rising contender Jesus Poll in August 1987. It was the worst performance of Banke's career; he was put down three times before the carnage was stopped. He says simply, "He was really smart and I wasn't in the best condition."

Is *not in the best condition* a euphemism for fighting in a stupor? Banke insists he never went into the ring under the influence, but Richardson says, "He admitted to me that he did drugs before a couple fights. One in particular he told me was the Poll fight. Sometimes it was the only way he'd get the courage to go in there when he knew he was out of shape."

Banke's first fight under Richardson's guidance was an opening-round bout in the Forum's super bantamweight tournament in March 1988. The tourney promised purse money of $100,000 to the winner, as well as valuable exposure on the Prime Ticket cable network. Oh, yeah, and there were some great perks. Like ogling the Forum's round-card girls. And getting to meet Eddie Murphy, Chuck Norris, and the other Forum celebrity regulars. And best of all, getting to dress in the same locker room used by Banke's beloved Lakers.

"Right in front of Magic and Kareem's lockers," he says, making no attempt to hide his enthusiasm. "Their uniforms weren't hanging there, though." He laughs. "If they were, they would've been gone."

Banke decisioned Lucilo Nolasco in the opening bout, then kayoed Alberto Mercado in the quarters. In the semis, he squeeked by 1984 Olympian Robert Shannon with a disputed unanimous decision. Then, his trademark body attack forced Carlos Romero to do a *"no mas"* in the 11th round of the title bout. A virtual unknown, Banke had found a Forum for his skills. Suddenly, he was being talked about as a threat for a world crown.

But first, Richardson had to stop him from being a threat to himself. Their Sunday morning confrontation last year was followed by AA meetings, counseling, and the decision to sometimes make Banke a virtual prisoner of the All Heart camp. Banke hasn't touched drugs or alcohol since.

"I never gave up on him," Richardson says, "because when I tightened the reigns, he never took off and said, 'Go to hell.' That told me he wanted to help himself."

As a reward for his sobriety, Richardson gave his fighter a nickname.

"He never liked the name, 'The Real' Paul Banke," the manager says. "Not until he heard Jimmy Lennon Jr. say it in the ring. But it's perfect. On the night he became world champion, everybody realized they never saw the real Paul Banke fight before. They only saw a guy who was under the influence of drugs."

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"I'm just a poor Mexican," Banke says with a chuckle. "Last year was the first time I ever had to pay taxes. Bob told me I owed the government $12,000. I said, 'You're kidding. Do I have to pay that much?' I felt like running away and hiding somewhere."

The truth is, in the future, Banke really wouldn't mind having the tax man in his face. That would at least mean he was making some money. For him, building a bank account as a 122-pounder should prove to be as challenging as holding on to the title. For engaging Zaragoza in one of the most action-packed bouts of the year, Banke received $15,000, about a tenth of what some mandatory contenders get as a step-aside fee. He took home roughly $7,000. Of the $100,000 he was paid for winning the Forum tourney, he walked away with $46,000.

Banke's only extravagance, if you could call it that, has been a trailer he bought for $16,000 and moved onto the All Heart grounds. But it is proving to be the smartest investment he ever made. Last year, his fiancee, Christina Rodriguez, and their 2-year-old son, Marty, moved in with him. Recently, Christina gave birth to their second child, a girl named Paula.

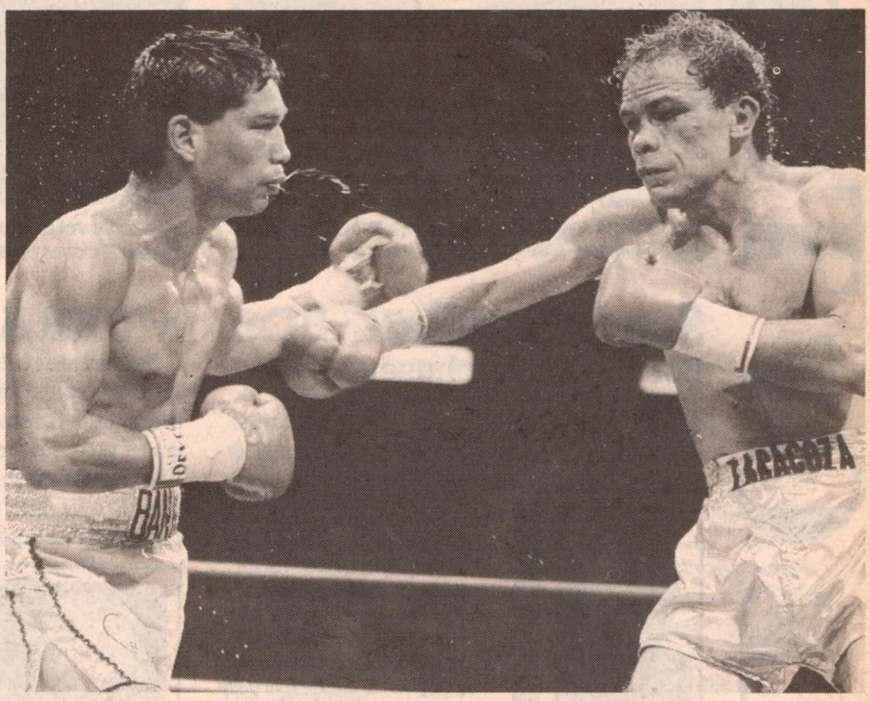
"Getting engaged has had a calming effect on him," says Richardson. "Things have gotten a lot better since his fiancee moved in with him. She's helped him to stay clean."

"Before it was just my butt at stake when I took drugs," Banke says. "Now, it's my family. I have a responsibility. I want to see my kids grow up. I want to make life easy for them and make them proud of me."

Banke's next outing will be a July meeting with brawling South Korean Seung Hoon Lee. Embarrassed by his recklessness in winning the title, Banke has promised that his hand speed, boxing skills, and lateral movement will be on display in his first defense.

And while that fight can hardly be considered a sure win—Lee, a former world champion, fought Zaragoza to a draw in 1988—Richardson is already planning a third Zaragoza fight for the Forum in late-summer or early-fall.

Like it or not, Banke is going to have to look Zaragoza in the face again some night. But one demon at a time. For now, he'll just concentrate on being able to look Richardson in the face every Sunday morning. ■



Banke-Zaragoza I: It was an action-packed bout, and Banke scored what he felt was a decisive knockdown. But he also clowned too much, and two of the judges scored for the defending champion.

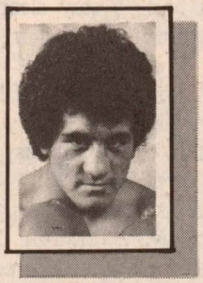
BATTLE OF THE LEGENDS

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Fight fans will forever debate the merits of champions from different ages. In "Battle Of The Legends," the editors of THE RING play matchmaker and pit two of the all-time greats against each other. Three experts serve as judges. If there are particular dream matches that you'd like to see featured, please write to us

Salvador Sanchez

Santiago Tianquistenco, Mexico
1975-1982
44-1-1 with 32 kayos



At 3:30 a.m. on August 12, 1982, Salvador Sanchez' Porsche collided with a truck on a highway north of Mexico City. The WBC featherweight champion, 23 and in his prime, was instantly killed.

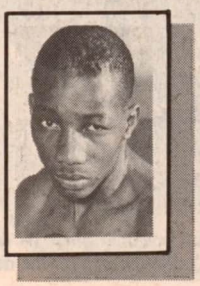
Sanchez was among the most beloved Mexican fighters ever, and fans will forever wonder how good he might have become. But even in an abbreviated career, he managed to achieve greatness. An elegant counterpuncher whose style contrasted that of the classic Mexican pressure fighters, Sanchez first commanded the international spotlight on February 2, 1980, when he outclassed reigning 126-pound champion Danny Lopez and stopped him in round 13. He repeated the win four months later, and by the end of the year, had established himself as one of the new decade's finest champions.

Sanchez successfully defended the title 10 times. His sixth defense was a brutal kayo of previously unbeaten Wilfredo Gomez, one of the best fighters of the '80s. His last bout, a gutty 15th-round stoppage of an unknown substitute challenger named Azumah Nelson, came on July 21, 1982. Perhaps the most convincing evidence of Sanchez' greatness is that Nelson hasn't lost since.

Sanchez was at his most intense for his 1981 showdown with then-unbeaten Wilfredo Gomez, whom he dropped and stopped in eight rounds.

Sandy Saddler

Boston, Massachusetts
1944-1956
144-16-2 with 103 kayos



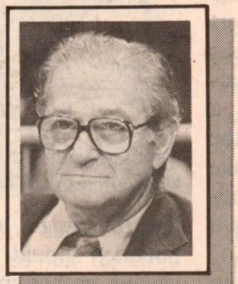
Sandy Saddler had more in common with fellow featherweight great Eusebio Pedroza than Salvador Sanchez. Like Pedroza, Saddler was a highly skilled and versatile fighter who was best known for the illegal tactics he often employed in the ring. In fact, Saddler's four-fight series with the legendary Willie Pep ranks at the top of the list of no-holds-barred grudge matches.

Saddler never shed his reputation as a dirty fighter, but his greatness has never been questioned. Always among boxing's busiest boxers, he averaged 20 fights per year in his first four years as a pro. At 5'8½", Saddler was a tall featherweight who could rumble inside or strike with crunching power from a distance. Among the fighters he stopped were Pep, Joe Brown, Paddy DeMarco, Lauro Salas, and Flash Elorde.

Saddler dethroned Pep on October 29, 1948, lost the rematch, and then regained the crown on September 8, 1950. He didn't defend the title often, instead engaging in a handful of non-title bouts. But he never lost the title, and retired in January 1957 after doctors told him that injuries suffered in a car accident could lead to total blindness.

MURRAY GOODMAN

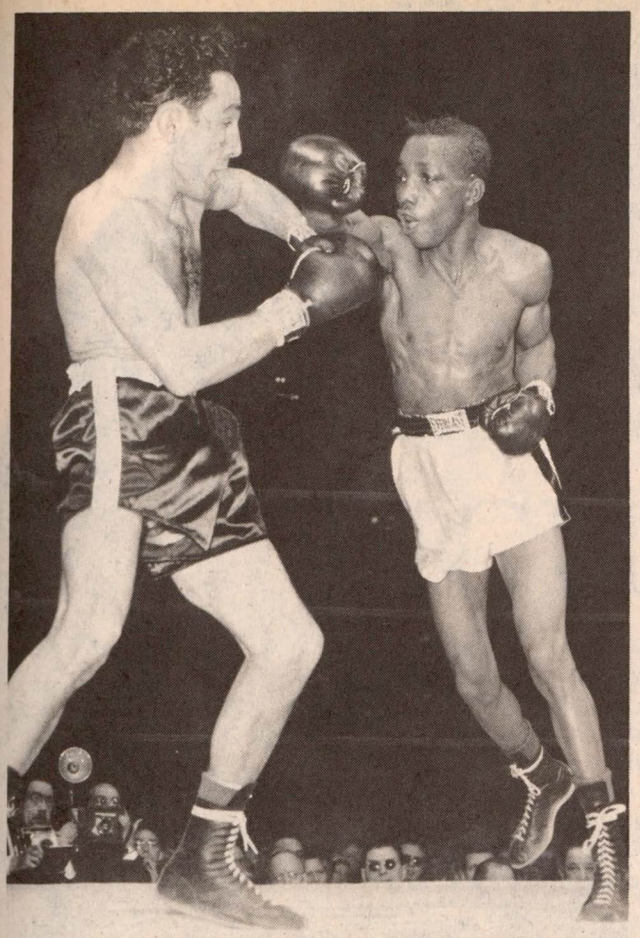
Saddler was the class of the featherweights in those days. He was strong, fast, and a helluva puncher. He had everything; I don't recall any weaknesses. Saddler fought in an era of great featherweights, and they were all scared of him. Like Fritzie Zivic, he used all the dirty tricks. It was his nature. But he didn't need to. He was one of the hardest-punching featherweights of all time.



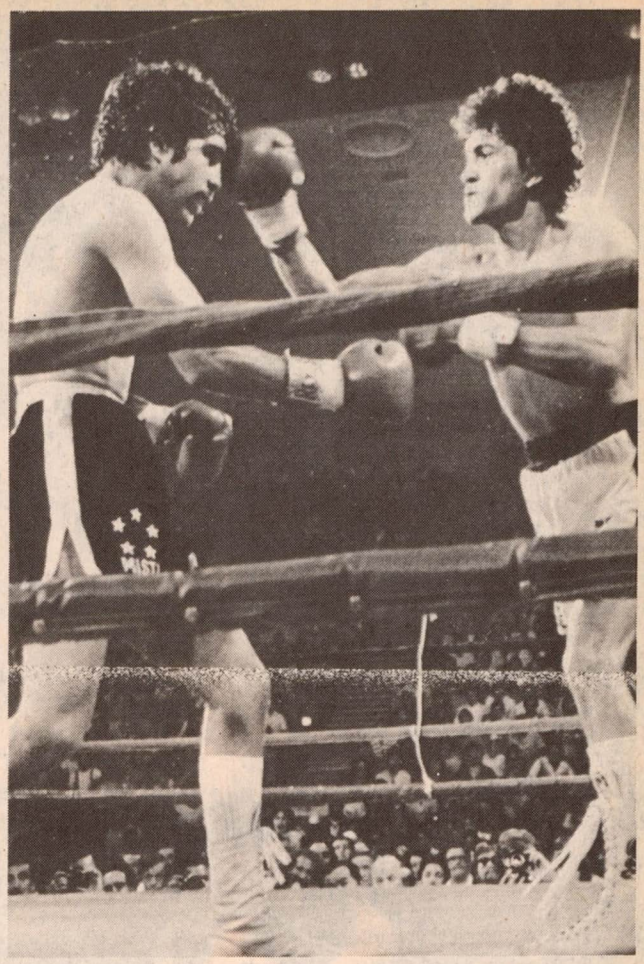
Sanchez would have fit in with all of the great featherweights. I'd classify him a boxer-puncher, though he wasn't as hard a puncher as Saddler. He was a very durable guy, and a flexible fighter who fought with a style to suit his opponent. Sanchez' fight with Azumah Nelson was one of the greatest I ever saw. But I think he was slightly past his prime when he got killed. He peaked in the middle of his title reign.

Saddler-Sanchez would be a classic boxer-puncher matchup. Saddler didn't wait for openings; he went to you and made his openings. Sanchez would box him—he had a great jab. I don't think Saddler even used a jab. It would be a long fight—you don't knock out a Sanchez. If it went the distance, Sanchez would have a chance to win. But I have to go with Saddler by decision.

Murray Goodman is a veteran boxing publicist and a former boxing writer.



Saddler's foul-filled four-fight series with the legendary Willie Pep is the most famous grudge in boxing history. Saddler won three of the four bouts.

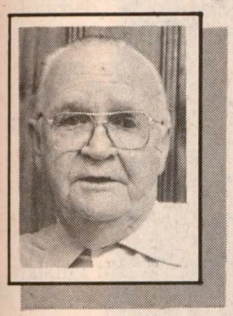


Sanchez' cross, demonstrated during his 1980 title defense against Ruben Castillo, was his best weapon. The Mexican was a brilliant counterpuncher.

WILLIE O'NEILL

Both of these guys were excellent fighters. Saddler never got the credit he deserved. He licked Willie Pep three times when Pep was an idol. I think some people held that against Saddler.

Saddler was extra-tall, had a nice left hand, and wasn't just a puncher, but was a *terrific* puncher. I can't think of a featherweight who punched like him since George Chaney, who was a southpaw from Baltimore in the '20s. Saddler used to wrap his long arms around a guy and pull him, but I don't think he was all *that* dirty a fighter. And he had a real good chin.



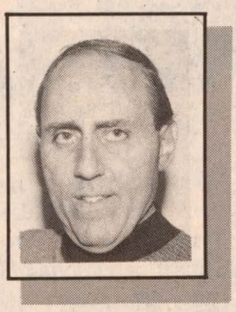
Sanchez was a real good boxer; nine times out of 10 I like the clever guys. He was a good champion who could've been better if he stayed around longer. It was a shame what happened to him. Sanchez was a better fighter than Eusebio Pedroza. He wasn't the puncher that Saddler was, but Saddler wasn't the boxer Sanchez was.

It would be a pretty good fight, a boxer-puncher matchup. Sanchez was tall, but Saddler was taller, and he was a strong son-of-a-gun. Sanchez was never kayoed, so I don't think Saddler would knock him out. But I still have to go with Saddler.

Willie O'Neill is a trainer and boxing historian. He handled former bantamweight champion Jeff Chandler.

BOB SHERRICK

Saddler was dynamite, a great puncher; he was knocking out lightweights at 130 pounds. Had his career not been shortened by the eye injury, he would've moved up to lightweight because he was having trouble making 126. He was rough on the inside, but within the boundaries. He'd hold and bang on the inside. He was mechanically sound and aggressive, not the type to run around the ring and look flashy, not like Willie Pep. He was herky-jerky aggressive, with two good hands. I wouldn't say he was the best featherweight I ever saw, but he was one of the best, right there with Pep. He beat Pep three of four times, though Willie was sliding.



Sanchez didn't impress me that much. He was nowhere near the all-around fighter Saddler was. He had a lot of heart and a good chin. But he didn't have that many fights. And did Sanchez ever fight a great fighter? Azumah Nelson isn't a great fighter. Did he ever fight a Pep? That's how you have to judge these things.

No contest. I see Saddler backing Sanchez up in a couple of feeling-out rounds and then catching him on the inside with tough, short punches and taking him out. I don't see it going more than five rounds.

Bob Sherrick is a New York-based boxing historian and fight film collector. ■

Healthy, Wealthy, But Not Wise

THOMAS HEARNS FIGHTS ON

By Joseph C. Tintle

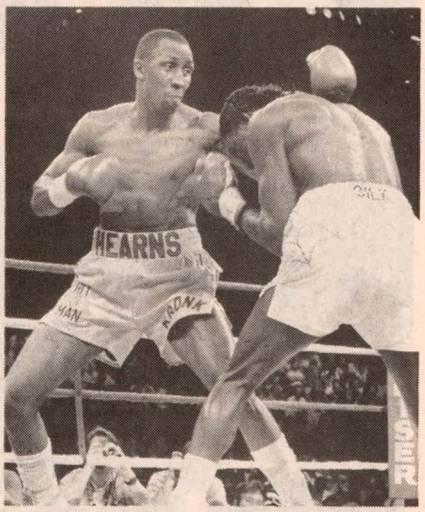
Retirement is a word Thomas Hearns doesn't like to hear. But he'd better get used to it. In the months ahead, the ugly "R" word is probably going to crop up more often than the names of future opponents. But the "Hit Man" loves boxing and believes he's still good enough to keep going. And so far he's not listening to anybody who doesn't share that opinion.

Hearns has been in some brutal fights. The one that will be remembered for the ages is his three-round shootout with Marvelous Marvin Hagler in 1985. Three years later he was shocked in the third round by Iran Barkley in 1988. That same year, Hearns absorbed more punishment during his decision win over James Kinchen, and again in last year's rematch draw with Ray Leonard.

And now the physical and mental signs of wear and tear seem evident. There is a definite thickening in Hearns' speech. But his mentor, Emanuel Steward, is quick to stress that Hearns "has never been a fluid speaker," and that "he doesn't like talking in public." Steward added that Hearns is frequently examined by doctors, who have pronounced him fit.

"You heard Tommy at the postfight press conference," Steward said after Hearns had outpointed Michael Olajide at the Taj Mahal Casino Resort in Atlantic City. "He was fine." True, but during a telephone interview a month earlier, parts of what he said were not discernible.

Mike Marley, a longtime Hearns-watcher who covers boxing for the *New York Post,* said, "I'm not a neurologist, and while I think he may be slurring his words, I can't say for sure. But I'll say this: He is shop-worn. Absolutely. Fighters are like automobiles. There are only so many miles when you fight at the pace Thomas Hearns fights at."



Once upon a time, Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns lived up to his nickname. But he hasn't knocked out anyone in more than three years.

Another factor to consider: the countless Kronk gym wars that have tested Hearns since 1977. Steward likes to regale listeners with stories of how his fighters batter one another in training, and surely such painful sessions have taken something out of Hearns.

Hearns doesn't have to be told he's not strong enough to face boxing's better young fighters, but by facing fighters like Michael Olajide and avoiding fighters like Michael Moorer, he can keep winning. And even though Hearns still has his timing, eyesight, and reflexes, Steward would never allow his prized pupil to fight an opponent who reminds him even slightly of a young Hearns.

During the late-'70s and early-'80s, Hearns truly earned his nickname "Hit Man." With his powerful right hand, he demolished 30 of his first 32 opponents, usually by the third round. But then, in 1981, came Ray Leonard. Frustrating Leonard with his boxing skills, Hearns was ahead on all three cards through 13 rounds. But Leonard rallied to knock him out in the 14th. When a rematch failed to materialize, Hearns moved up in weight, but could only manage two knockouts in his next six fights. The boxing public decided even back then that he was no longer the Hit Man. Then, in 1984, he dropped Roberto Duran twice with right hands and did what no one had ever done: He knocked the Panamanian out cold.

That was six years ago, however, and Hearns' right is no longer lethal. He hasn't scored a knockout in his last four fights, or since he kayoed Juan Roldan in October 1987. And when Hearns gets a fighter in trouble, he is no longer the classic finisher.

Witness his victory over Olajide. Hearns had promised the bout would mark the return of the Hit Man of old. But instead, ringsiders saw an old Thomas Hearns.

His fight with Olajide was supposed to be a tuneup for a late-1990 encounter with Leonard or WBA light heavyweight champion Virgil Hill. But it turned into a late-rounds struggle, in part because Hearns failed to throw

his right hand for much of the fight.

"Throw your home run punch," Steward said to his fighter between rounds. There had been a time when Steward didn't have to remind Hearns. In fact, there was a time when the Hit Man couldn't wait to throw his right.

"Tommy was holding back the right hand," Steward said, "because he had done so in training. Being the senior guy at the Kronk Gym, he didn't want to hurt his young teammates. And even though I told him that they were trying to kill him, he still wouldn't do it. A while back, he threw a right to Art Jimmerson's face and tore open his mouth. Since then, Tommy refused to throw the right hand in training. But what you do in practice, you do in a fight. And his right was practically nonexistant."

When Hearns knocked down Olajide with a straight right to the jaw early in round nine, the punch didn't have the devastating effect it might have had three years ago, much less a decade ago.

"It's a damn shame," said Hearns, 47-3-1 (38). "This was one of the easiest fights I had. I should've got this guy out of there. But I messed everything up. The next fight will be better."

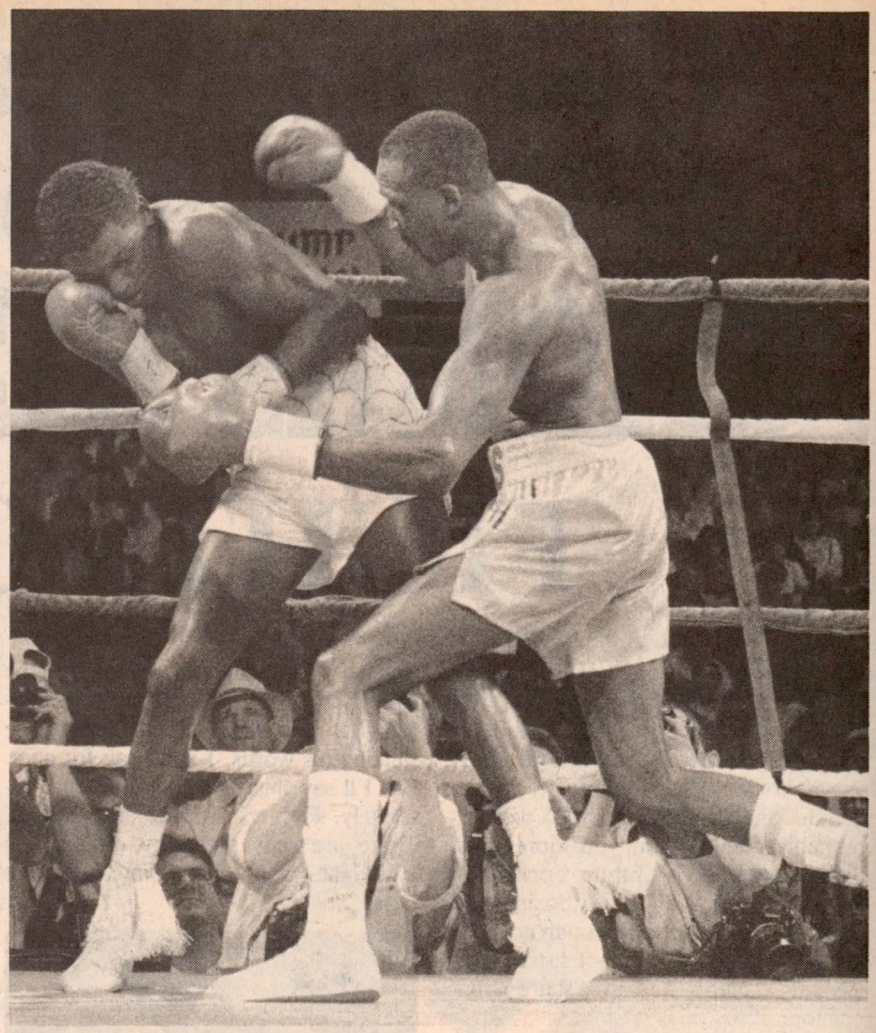
It sounds like the promise of a once-great fighter who is trying to convince promoters and fans that he is not finished. Hearns had prepared for Olajide not only hoping, but proclaiming, that he would put on a display of awesome power. With Mike Tyson at least temporarily out of the boxing picture, and Leonard not scheduled to fight in the near future, Hearns wanted center stage for himself.

"I want to be a star," he said before the fight, "a shining star, 300, 400, even 500 watts worth, shining way beyond everyone else. That's what I'm looking for."

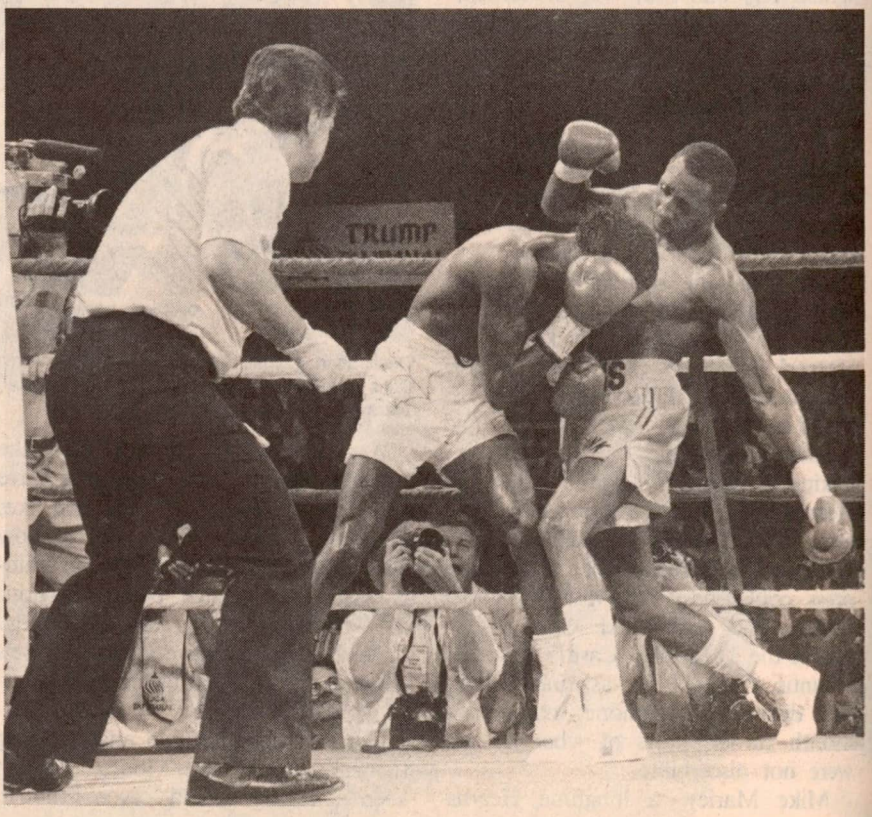
Then the 31-year-old Hearns, who has been fighting for 13 years, boldly predicted an early knockout. But it never materialized. Blame that, in part, on Olajide, 27-4 (19), who held his fists to the sides of his head as the Hit Man stalked him from ringpost to ringpost for eight mind-numbing rounds.

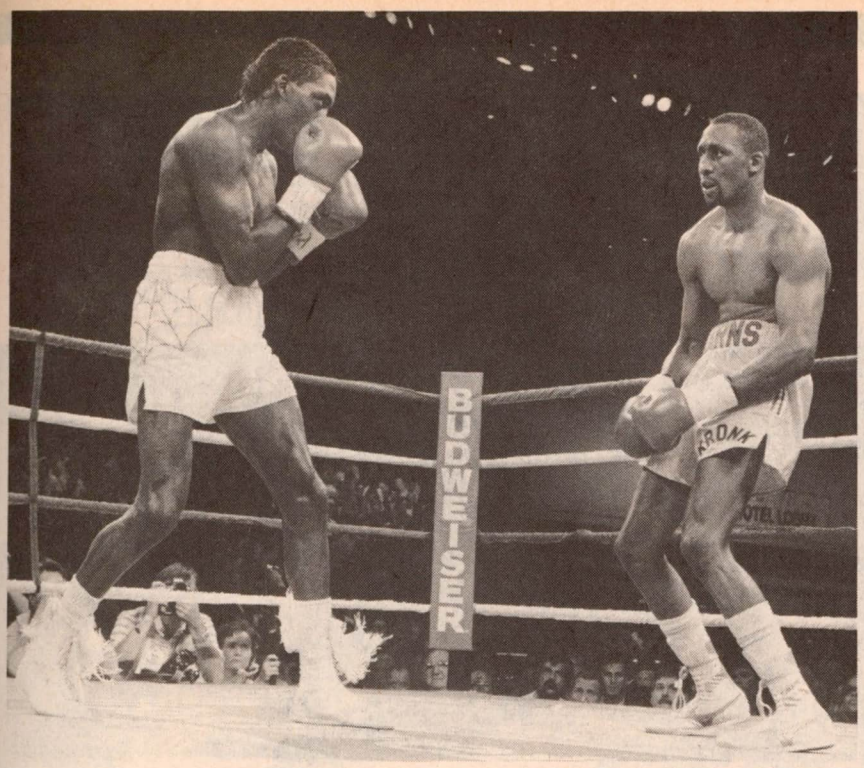
Hearns grew frustrated and disrespectful, taunting Olajide on several occasions. He'd shimmy and shake one moment, make a face the next. Clearly, he wasn't taking Olajide seriously.

Every so often Hearns scored points by landing a jab or a flurry. But when he at last delivered a knockdown



After eight rounds of mutual inactivity, Hearns corners Olajide in the ninth and throws 34 unanswered punches. Most of them don't land, further exposing the 31-year-old Hearns as a faded fighter.





Hearns uncharacteristically shimmies and shakes in the early going. Like the fans in attendance, he grew bored with Olajide's refusal to fight. "I should've got this guy out of there," he later said.

Olajide goes down in the ninth, as referee Tony Orlando looks on. "The Silk," however, was not seriously hurt. He got up and nailed Hearns with two hooks and a right. But his rally came far too late.

punch, he failed to take his time and select his followup shots. Instead, he chased Olajide to the ropes and threw 34 unanswered lefts and rights. Except for a half-dozen rabbit punches, most missed their target.

"I was just punching and punching," Hearns said. "Thomas Hearns usually takes his time, and when he gets his man hurt, gets him out of there. But tonight the Hit Man was just not there."

By the time Olajide escaped, Hearns was exhausted from missing so many punches. He had been too eager to flatten Olajide. Not only were Hearns' legs wobbling, but his entire body burned and ached. He had missed his knockout opportunity, and, as a result, had almost set himself up to be knocked out. Olajide connected with two hooks that backed up Hearns, and subsequently scored with a right and a flurry before the round ended.

Olajide maintained the pressure during the 10th and won the round by hammering Hearns with looping rights. But Hearns recovered in the 11th and 12th, dancing and jabbing his way out of trouble. Yet it had hardly been an impressive performance.

Hearns hadn't fought in the 10 months since his draw with Leonard in June 1989, and Steward had taken the bout with Olajide to see where his fighter stood, both physically and emotionally.

"The fight was a no-win situation," Steward said. "I had to use someone as a gauge to see how to match Tommy in the future, or see if I should retire him."

Steward said Hearns will fight in July, then again in August. "No big names or anything," he said. "But between those fights, I will have the chance to determine whether Tommy got tired against Olajide because of the wear and tear over the years or because of his inactivity since the fight with Leonard. And if I see he doesn't have it, I'll suggest that he retire."

But Steward has done that before, and without success. He told Hearns to quit after his fights with Leonard and Kinchen, but Hearns insisted that he go out a winner in a big-money fight, preferably one with Leonard.

"Just one more time, Ray," Hearns said at the Olajide postfight press conference. "Just one more time, baby."

When attempting to analyze Hearns' obsession with beating him, Leonard seemed somewhat confused.

"The man doesn't know or understand where he stands in the sport," Leonard said, shaking his head. "He has some distorted perception of what people think of him. And even though he's perceived as a great champion, he still has a sense of insecurity about himself."

"I want to see a win over Ray on paper," Hearns said. "I want it to be in the record book."

So Thomas Hearns keeps punching, even though the Hit Man retired long ago. ■

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▲ MOST-PRIZED SOUVENIR

(June 25, 1938)

World heavyweight champion Joe Louis gratefully accepts the towel thrown into the ring by Max Schmeling's seconds conceding defeat in the second Louis-Schmeling fight, three days before. New York boxing writer Murray Lewin, who grabbed the towel after referee Arthur Donovan threw it out of the ring, presents it to Louis. Said the proud "Brown Bomber" as he clutched the symbolic cloth, "This will always be my most-prized possession."

▲ A PAIR OF JACKS

(June 19, 1946)

Former heavyweight champion Jack Sharkey tells his son, Jack Jr., how it felt to fight in a main event in that famous Yankee Stadium ring, which the ex-champ had experienced so often. They are seated in the press section, anxiously awaiting the start of Joe Louis' title defense rematch against Billy Conn, which Louis won by eighth-round kayo. Ten years before, in 1936, Louis knocked out the 34-year-old Sharkey in the third round.

▲ FROM $5,000 A MINUTE TO $1.70 AN HOUR

(December 5, 1958)

That's former world welterweight champion Fritzie Zivic filling potholes at $1.70 an hour for Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, his native turf. It was nine years after Fritzie had his last official fight, but the 45-year-old "Master of the Foul" had lost none of his old fearless fire. "I've been on my back a lot of times," he admitted to a *Ring* reporter as he spread a shovel full of hot asphalt across a hole in the road. "But I always got up. And I'm gonna do it again. If I don't get back into the ring, I'm gonna die." Fritzie never did get back into the ring, and he died on May 16, 1984, 12 years after he had been elected to *The Ring* magazine Hall of Fame.

▲ FEET, NOT FISTS, PAID OFF

(March 1, 1934)

Get a load of the size of heavyweight champion Primo Carnera's tootsies as he weighs in for a title defense against boxing master Tommy Loughran in Miami. Carnera outweighed former light heavyweight champion Loughran by an incredible 86 pounds (270 to 184). Yet the superbly confident and fearless Loughran more than held his own with the gigantic Italian throughout the 15 rounds, only to lose the decision. Complained valiant Tommy after the fight, "All he did was step on my toes with those two 'houseboats' of his. Not once did he hurt me with a single punch."

▼ MAXIE AND TEDDY

(May 14, 1933)

Max Baer was a press agent's dream. His name alone helped prebout ballyhoo, as was the case at his Atlantic City training camp, where he was preparing for his big fight with Max Schmeling. Baer, who was expecting a full-grown bear, flipped out when he saw the two-month-old cub. "Get that baby back to its mother," he roared. "And bring me a *real* bear. I don't rob no cradles!"

But Baer was quickly convinced the cub was the only available bear within 100 miles, and, with the help of his old pal Jack Dempsey (left), agreed to go through with the gag.

There was no clowning when Maxie squared off with Schmeling three weeks later. He startled the world as a 4-1 underdog, knocking out the German in 10 rounds. The performance was considered the finest of his career.

▼FOUR ACES

(August 25, 1948)

New York promoters were convinced they had a windfall autumn coming up after having signed two major fights: Jersey Joe Walcott vs. Gus Lesnevich, and world middleweight champion Tony Zale defending against sensational Frenchman Marcel Cerdan. The Walcott-Lesnevich fight never materialized, but Zale and Cerdan more than made up for it when, on September 21, in what would be considered one of the classics of the '40s, the title passed to the Frenchman after the gallant champion collapsed from a combination of brutal punches and exhaustion.

The photo, taken at a press luncheon in New York, shows (left to right) Zale, Walcott, Lesnevich, and Cerdan.

▲ONE MORE TIME

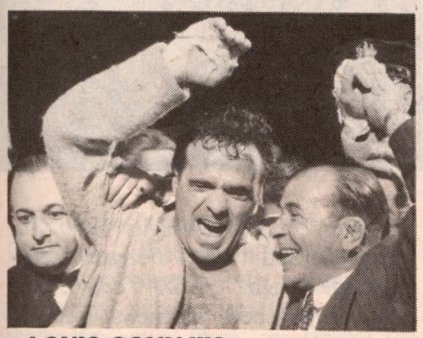
(May 7, 1937)

Tony Canzoneri weighs in for a title bout with defending world lightweight champion Lou Ambers. Although only 29, the beloved Tony had been fighting professionally for 12 years and reigned as world champion in four divisions: featherweight, junior lightweight, lightweight, and junior welterweight. He had split a pair of decisions against Ambers in previous lightweight title bouts, and tonight he would try to win their rubber match and take the crown for an unprecedented third time. But it was not to be. The 24-year-old Ambers, with youth in his corner, was awarded the 15-round decision. Still, the defeat wasn't Canzoneri's grand finale. He continued to fight another three years.

▼BASTILLE DAY ... IN NEW JERSEY

(September 21, 1948)

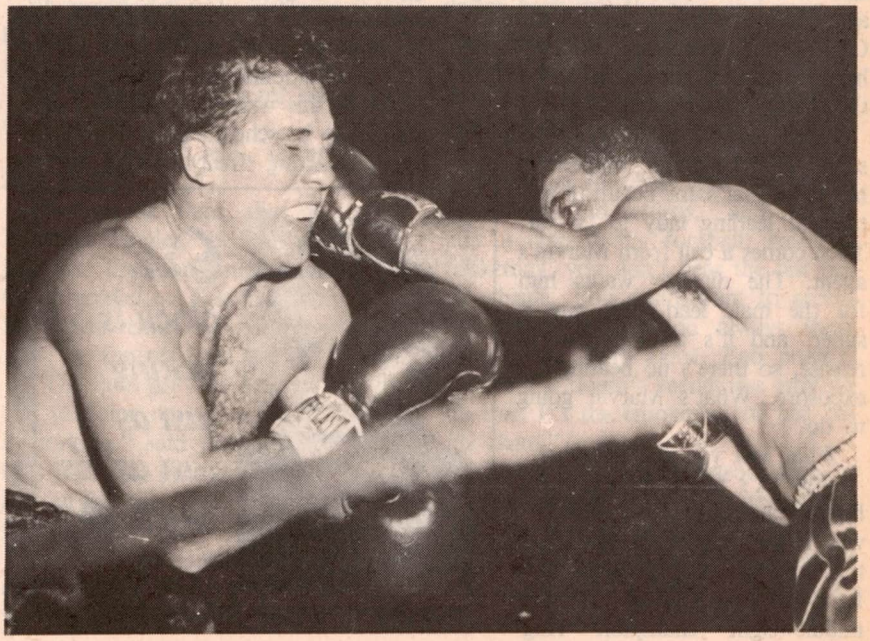
The jubilant Cerdan brothers, Marcel (left) and Pierre, celebrate Marcel's thrilling 12th-round knockout victory over defending world middleweight champion Tony Zale at Roosevelt Stadium in Jersey City. It was the first time in 22 years that the Cerdan brothers had seen each other. It was also the last time. A year later, Marcel was killed in an airplane crash.



►LOUIS-CONN III?

(December 10, 1948)

So you thought legendary foes Joe Louis and Billy Conn fought only twice. Well, technically you're right. But for sentimental reasons, you're wrong. Here are Joe and Billy slugging it out during a six-round exhibition in Chicago 2½ years after their second title bout. They wore 16-ounce gloves rather than eight-ounce, but judging by the ferocity of their punches, you would have sworn the title was again at stake. Who won Louis-Conn III? The officials voted three rounds for each. A draw.



MARVIN HAGLER

CAN HE RESIST THE IRRESISTIBLE TEMPTATION?

By Steve Farhood

Let's put this in terms that Marvin Hagler, actor, would understand. Let's say Marvin was once paid millions playing opposite a beautiful and talented leading lady in a box-office smash. But that was years ago, and he's moved on. Marvin's a stage actor now, you know, *serious* stuff like O'Neill and Tennessee Williams. He hasn't made a movie in more than three years. *By choice.*

Word leaks that they're making a sequel to the hit film, and the director has hired that same beautiful and talented leading lady to co-star. Then comes a call from Marvin's agent. The director wants him for the male lead. The pay is super, and it's an international release, so there's no beating the exposure. What's Marvin going to do?

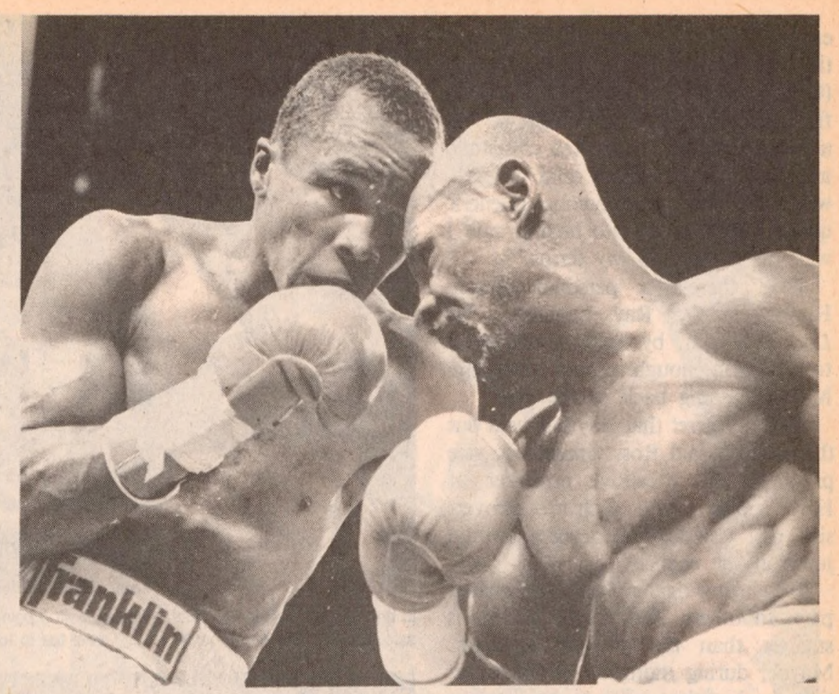
What *will* you do, Marvin?

Now let's put it in terms that boxing fans would understand. It was more than three years ago that a comebacking Sugar Ray Leonard outpointed reigning middleweight champion Hagler in one of the biggest upsets in history. The decision was a disputed one, partly because it was a close fight, and partly because of the passions the matchup stirred. Hagler hasn't fought since. He initially devoted himself to the nightlife he had always resisted. Then he moved to Milan, Italy, to begin an acting career, returned to Massachusetts for divorce proceeding with his estranged wife, Bertha, and traveled to the Philippines for a movie role.

As of this writing, rumors of a rematch, to be scheduled for November, are circulating freely. Some of the headlines: "Leonard-Hagler II?" *(The National)*, and "HBO Foresees Leonard-Hagler Fight" *(USA Today)*. And it hasn't just been the newspapers. In late-March, Boston's WHDH-TV reported that Hagler was seeking a rematch.

"My clock is ticking just as fast as his clock."

A theory held by many Hagler-watchers was that the former middleweight king would return to the ring as soon as the divorce settlement had been completed. Translation: If Hagler were to make millions in a Leonard rematch, he wasn't going to have to share the money with Bertha.



At a Boston press conference in November 1986, Hagler and Leonard squared off to promote what was perceived as a mismatch (left). In April 1987, that mismatch turned into a split decision 12-rounder (above), with Leonard emerging victorious. If Hagler and Leonard meet again, it will be Sugar Ray who will enter the ring as a prohibitive favorite. Hagler, 36, hasn't fought in three years.

"I handled the divorce," said Morris Goldings, Hagler's attorney, "and Marvin was asked by the lawyers what contractual expectations he had, or if there was any silent agreement for Marvin to fight again. We disclosed our plans; we wanted everything to be fair."

In a court of law, Hagler swore that there were no contractual expectations, no silent agreements. But more than a month has passed, and . . .

"Bertha has no claim now," Goldings pointed out.

As we went to press, Hagler was in the Philippines, filming *Indio II*, a sequel to *Indio,* which was to be released in video stores in June. (No, this is not the box-office smash with the beautiful leading lady; Hagler plays a Marine Corps sergeant.) Goldings said that upon his return in late-May, "he'll be back to do business with me, and there will be a window of opportunity."

Sometimes tougher to corner in an interview than in the ring, Leonard wasn't elusive when asked about whether he was openly granting Hagler a rematch opportunity.

"I would definitely welcome that," he said. "My clock is ticking just as fast as his clock."

Then, just for old times, came a bit of a hedge.

"He'd be [the one], probably . . . for now."

Even more than the 34-year-old Leonard, Hagler, 36, can't afford to play the time-consuming mind games that preceded his first fight with Sugar Ray. Marvelous Marvin must fight now, or forever hold his . . . Oscar.

"The facts are that Marvin is retired and pursuing an acting career, and he is working," said Pete DeVeber, Hagler's publicist. [Acting] has been working out for him, and in that sense, he's meeting his goal."

"He did the Gillette [Right Guard] commercials, which worked out very well, and the movies," said A. David Segal, head of television sports events for the William Morris Agency, which represents Hagler. "If you see the clips, it seems to be working out very well. We think that if Marvin wants to, he can do it. He's a very focused person. If he wants to make [acting] a career, he can do it."

But does Marvin want to do it?

"I don't know," said Segal.

A handful of other champions, from Larry Holmes and Ray Mancini to Joe Frazier and Alexis Arguello, have pursued second careers before being drawn back into the ring, and none of them were contemplating the eight-figure payday enticing Hagler. In fact, Rocky Marciano aside, what champion *hasn't* come back?

"As an athlete," said Leonard, a boxer more familiar than most with retirements and returns, "and I don't give a crap if it's football, baseball, basketball, you don't hear the last bell or whistle. You don't want to accept the reality of it. You always think there's one more game. Ego plays a role, but it doesn't encompass why we do this. It's the enjoyment of just *being there.*"

The usual comeback reasons seem to apply to Hagler. First, he exited after a loss, his first defeat in more than 11 years. (Generic quote: "I just don't want to go out a loser.") Second, he had performed erratically, but not so

erratically that he couldn't have won; the split decision clearly left him bitter. (Generic quote: "This time I'll let my fists be the judges.") Moreover, he was a fighter's fighter, a devoted craftsman and battle-tested warrior, and his farewell was hardly ceremonious. (Generic quote: "I put a lot into boxing, and I want to go out on *my* terms.")

Then there's a personal reason: Hagler lost to Ray Leonard. *Ray Leonard!* That, by itself, would seem to be reason enough to send Marvelous Marvin rushing back to the gym.

"It's no secret that Ray has held out the carrot," said Ross Greenburg, vice president and executive producer of HBO Sports. "After such a controversial loss, you'd think [Hagler] would jump at the chance."

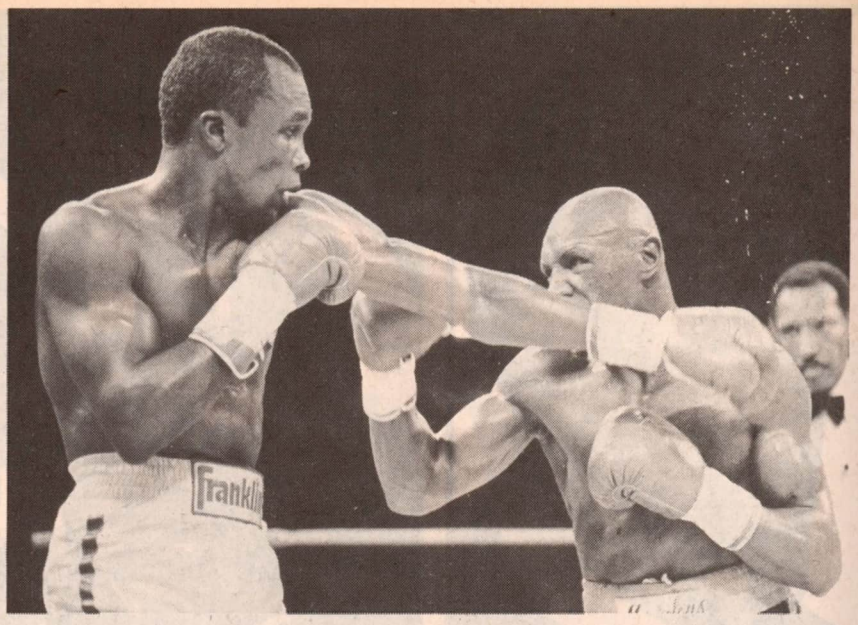
Most aging fighters can't see what is plain to others. But maybe Hagler is smarter than the average superstar. Maybe, during moments of introspection, he has the ability to analyze the variables of a comeback with objectivity. And maybe, just maybe, he's concluded that a return, especially against Sugar Ray, could be disastrous. After all, facing even a faded Leonard with tapered reflexes could be a most humiliating experience.

"After the [John] Mugabi fight, I wrote a column warning [Hagler] to quit then," said George Kimball, the veteran boxing writer of the *Boston Herald*. "The Marvin we knew was gone *before* his fight with Sugar Ray Leonard. He was getting hit with punches he never got hit with before."

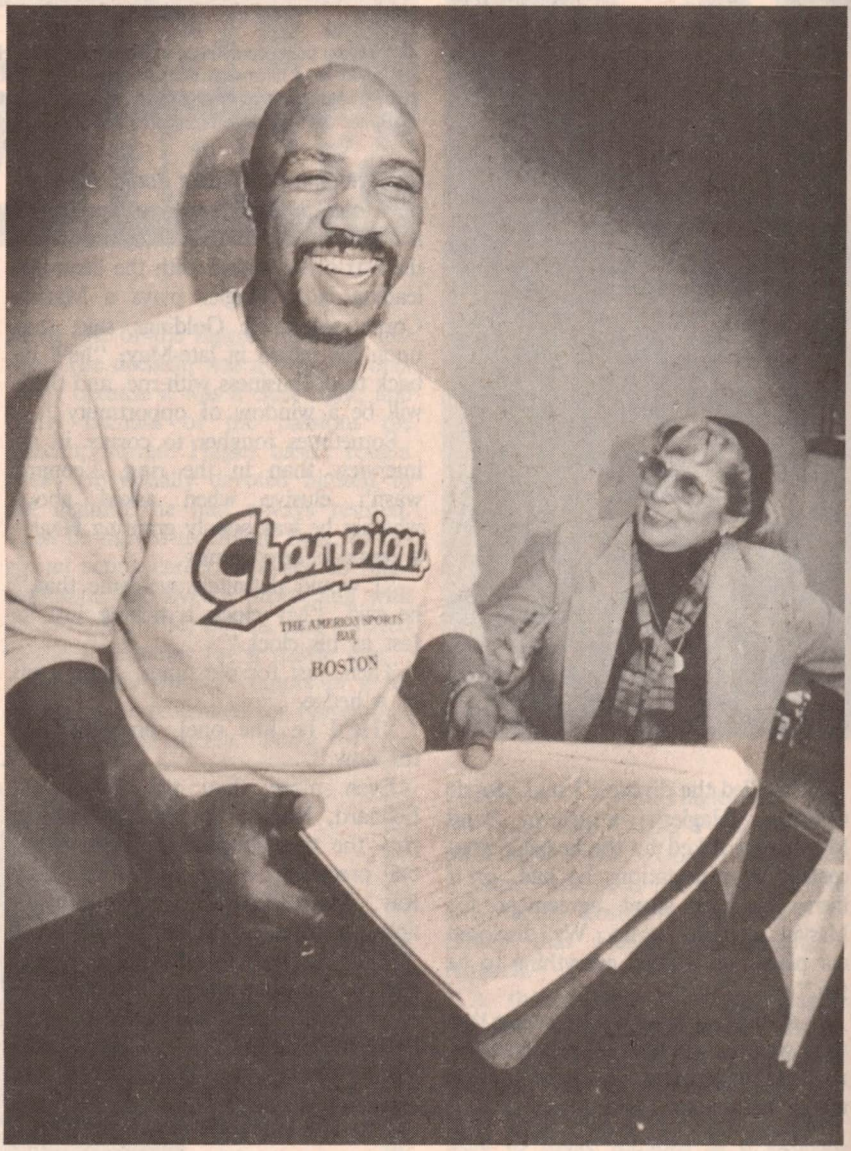
Or maybe Hagler is no different than the others, and when he visualizes a second rumble with Leonard, he starts quickly, traps Sugar Ray along the ropes, incessantly hammers the body, casually brushes off Leonard's inconsequential punches, and triumphs in a most satisfying and conclusive manner.

"You never know, look at Buster Douglas; no one thought he had a chance," said Leonard, ever the salesman.

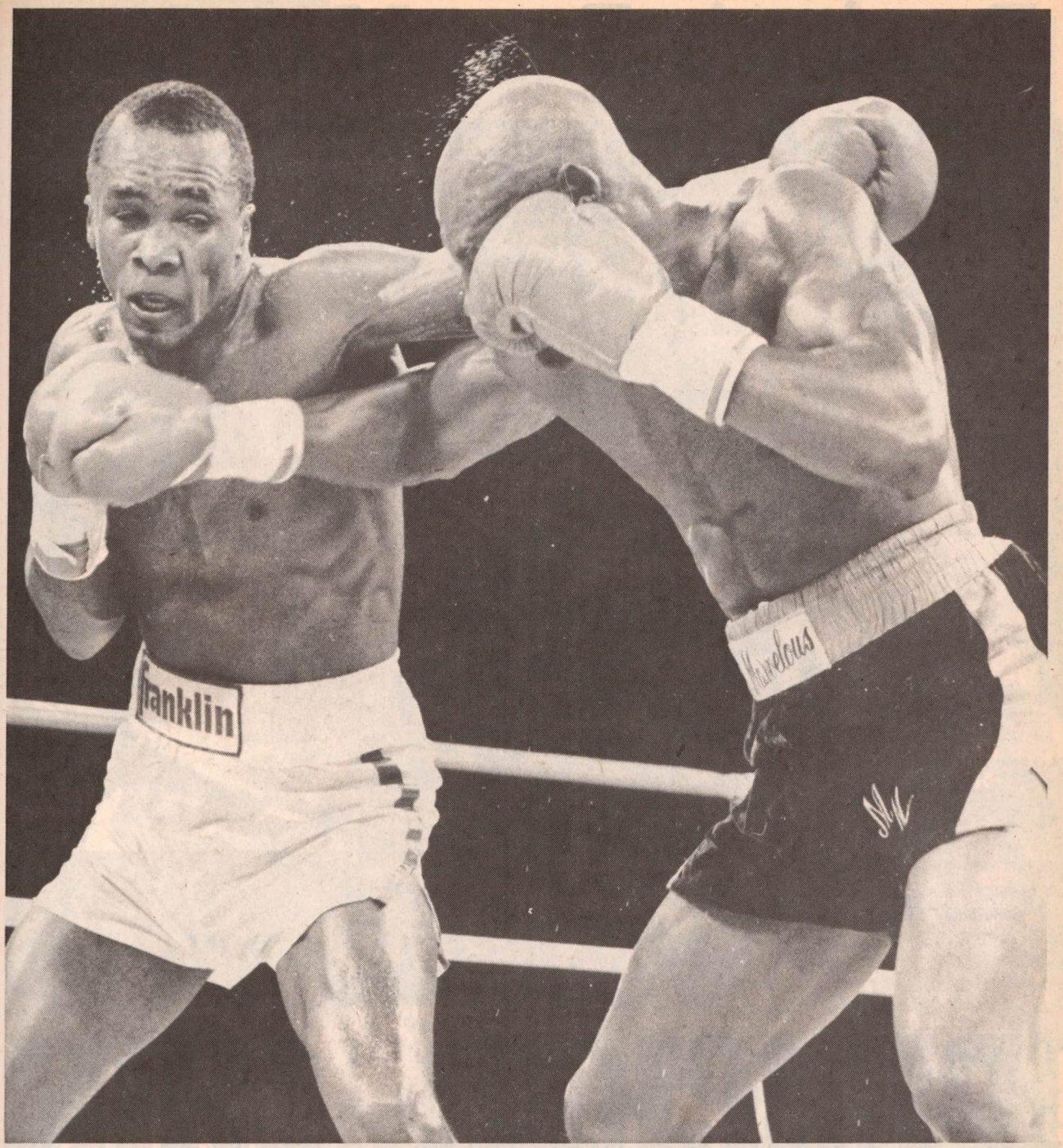
Leonard-Hagler II would offer stark contrasts from the original. In 1987, Leonard came off a prolongued layoff and rose in weight to challenge a reigning champion. As a result, he was a considerable underdog and the fans' favorite. This time, it would be Hagler fighting off the rust and challenging a reigning champion. (Leonard remains the WBC super middleweight titlist, though his defense of that crown would not be much of a selling point



In their eagerly anticipated clash, Leonard built a points lead by circling the ring and keeping Hagler at a safe distance. When the middleweights went toe to toe in the later rounds, Leonard proved competitive.



Instead of employing sparring partners, Hagler now works with acting teachers like Boston's Bronia Wheeler. When Hagler returns from a Philippines movie set, he may reconsider a rematch with Leonard.



Leonard's April 1987 points triumph over reigning middleweight king Hagler may have been the most satisfying of his career. (It was also the only bout in which Sugar Ray was an underdog.) But a good portion of observers maintain that Hagler should have received the verdict. That controversy would be a major selling point of a Hagler-Leonard rematch. That rematch is available, should Hagler want it. Leonard admits that Hagler is his preferred next opponent.

in a Hagler rematch.) Hagler would be a major underdog—the odds might even approach 4-1, the price of the bout three years ago—and, given Leonard's slumping image, the public choice.

"If Thomas Hearns had won that decision last June," said Greenburg, "people would've been much more sympathetic to Ray Leonard. People resented the fact that he stole the fight."

Against Hearns, of course, Leonard "stole" only a draw, not a victory. But a significant number of boxing fans still believe he outpointed Hagler by dancing, showboating, fighting in spurts, and capitalizing on the subconscious expectations of the judges. In a rematch, only Hagler could possibly capitalize on such expectations. That's because Leonard would figure to outbox Hagler, outhustle him, and, if he should so desire, even outpunch him.

"Marvin would show the same decline he showed in his last couple of fights," said Greenburg.

Why, then, would Hagler fight? That's a question that Marvin Hagler, actor, must let Marvin Hagler, fighter, answer.

"The temptation for Marvin isn't just the financial rewards," said Leonard. "It's 'I beat Ray!' Look at Thomas Hearns. He's still not satisfied. Marvin's the same way.

"Marvin is not satisfied. And he never will be."

If Leonard is right, Marvin Hagler's decision will be the toughest of his professional career. And what he decides just might tell us how good an actor he really is. ■

Boxing's Best Matchup

Former middleweight champion Jake LaMotta arguably had the best chin in history. LaMotta survived the booming rights of Marcel Cerdan.

THE PUNCHER VS. THE CHIN

By Alan Shelton

Chicago, Illinois, September 12, 1946: In one corner stands Jake LaMotta, a future middleweight champion, in fact a future middleweight great. Known as the "Bronx Bull," LaMotta has the type of chin of which boxing legends are made. It's not even a question of LaMotta being able to accept a good shot; he says he rarely even feels his opponent's bombs.

"I could take a helluva punch because I psyched myself at an early age that nobody could ever physically hurt me," LaMotta would say long after his retirement.

All fighters have weaknesses, however. And in LaMotta's case, it's the lack of a potent punch. He has registered only 17 kayos in 59 victories, with most of his wins the result of his bulldog tenacity.

Across the ring stands Bob Satterfield, who will certainly never rate as an all-time great. Instead, he'll be remembered as one of the greatest punchers ever. A natural light heavyweight, Satterfield, who now has 13 kayos in 13 wins, will make frequent forays into heavyweight territory, where his punch will serve him well against the likes of a young powerhouse named Cleveland Williams and top-10 contender Nino Valdez. But Satterfield, too, has his Achilles heel, or in this case, chin, for his jaw is quite fragile.

The matchup is plain: LaMotta's chin against Satterfield's power; the irresistible force vs. the immovable object.

Satterfield lands some of his bombs against the crouching LaMotta, but

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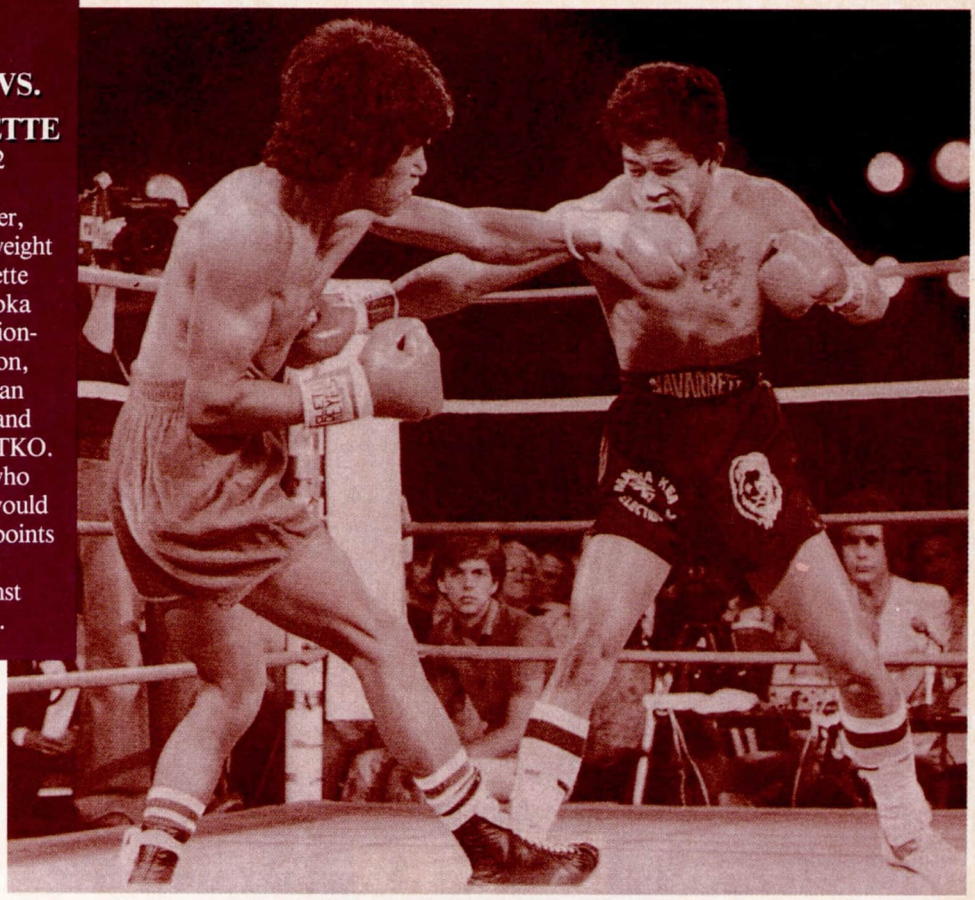
Bazooka Limon vs. Rolando Navarette

Las Vegas, May 29, 1982

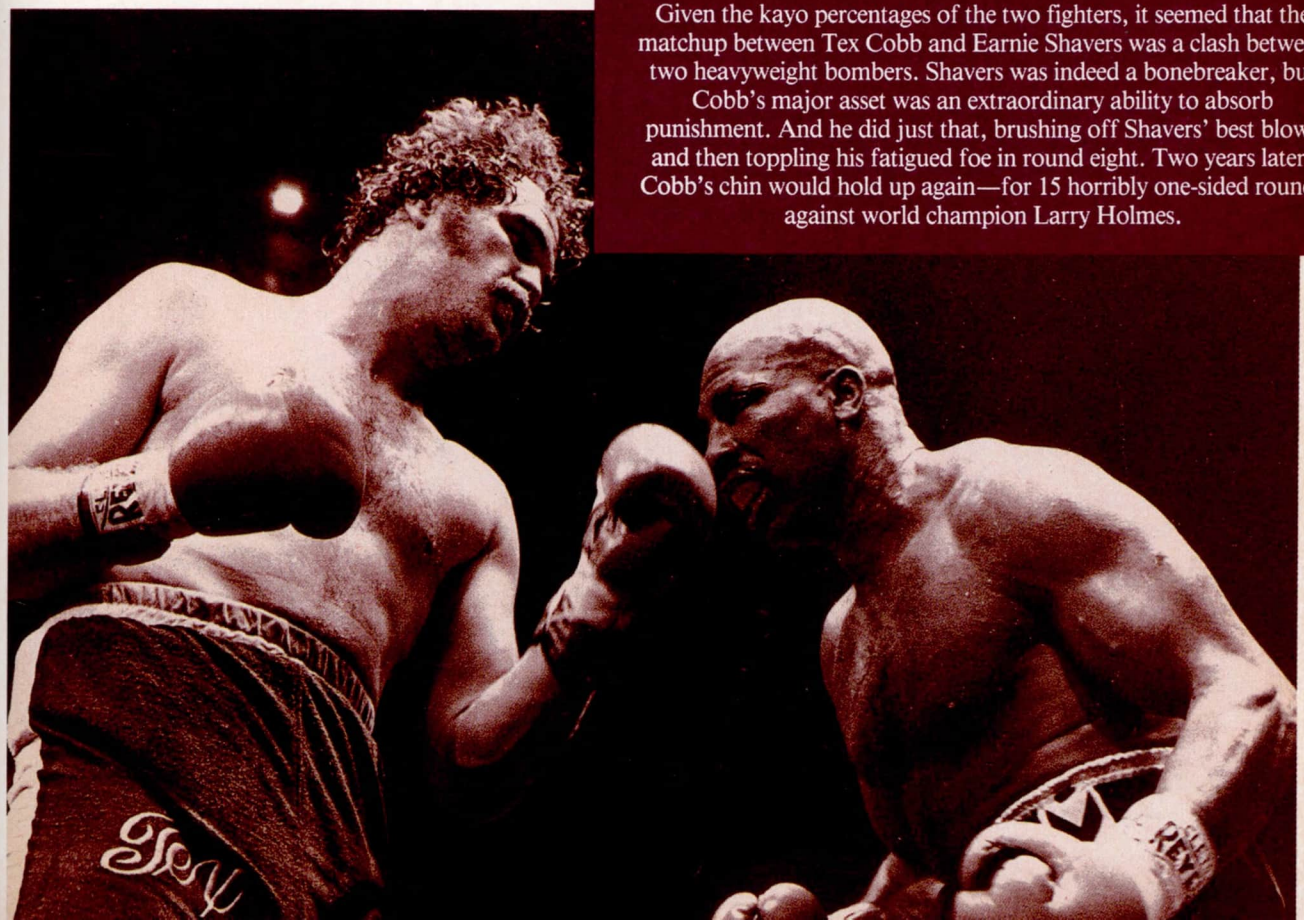
A terrific southpaw puncher, reigning WBC super featherweight champion Rolando Navarette punished fellow lefty Bazooka Limon for most of their action-packed title fight. But Limon, among the toughest Mexican fighters ever, stood strong and rallied to score a 12th-round TKO. It was ironic that Limon, who flaunted a fool-proof chin, would ultimately lose the crown on points because of a 15th-round knockdown suffered against archrival Bobby Chacon.



Tex Cobb vs. Earnie Shavers

Detroit, August 2, 1980

Given the kayo percentages of the two fighters, it seemed that the matchup between Tex Cobb and Earnie Shavers was a clash between two heavyweight bombers. Shavers was indeed a bonebreaker, but Cobb's major asset was an extraordinary ability to absorb punishment. And he did just that, brushing off Shavers' best blows and then toppling his fatigued foe in round eight. Two years later, Cobb's chin would hold up again—for 15 horribly one-sided rounds against world champion Larry Holmes.



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THE ST. VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE
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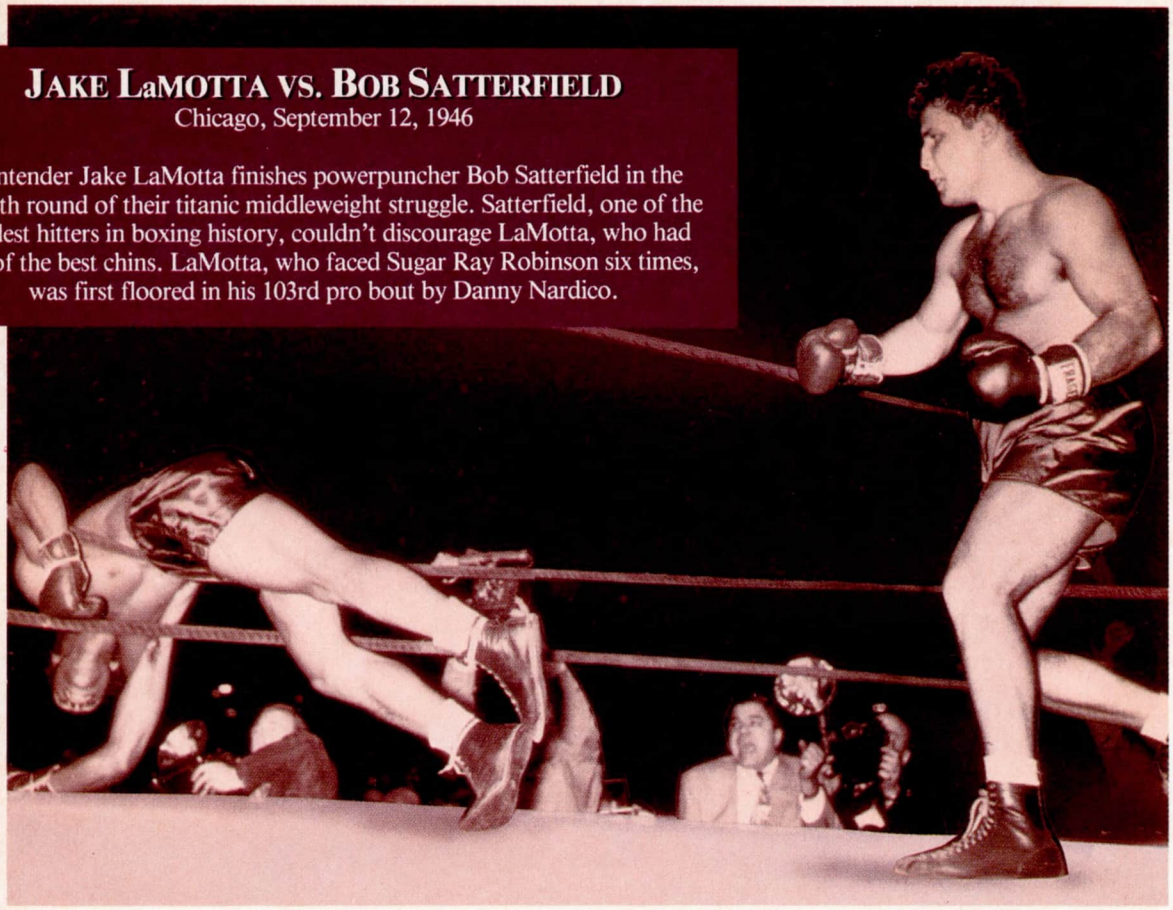
Jake LaMotta shows just how good his chin really is
during his 13th-round TKO loss to Sugar Ray Robinson in Chicago



JAKE LaMOTTA VS. BOB SATTERFIELD

Chicago, September 12, 1946

Contender Jake LaMotta finishes powerpuncher Bob Satterfield in the eventh round of their titanic middleweight struggle. Satterfield, one of the hardest hitters in boxing history, couldn't discourage LaMotta, who had one of the best chins. LaMotta, who faced Sugar Ray Robinson six times, was first floored in his 103rd pro bout by Danny Nardico.

VITO ANTUOFERMO VS. CYCLONE HART

Philadelphia, March 11, 1977

In the late-'70s, fighters like Vito Antuofermo and Marvin Hagler had to survive the best middleweights of Philadelphia before securing contender status. Among those Philly 160-pounders was Cyclone Hart, whose left hook was a destructive weapon. Struck often by that hook in the early rounds, Antuofermo shook off its effects and stopped a spent Hart in the fifth round. Two years later, he would win the world title by beating Hugo Corro.

Had middleweight champion Vito Antuofermo not possessed a dependable chin, he never would have battled to a draw against top contender Marvin Hagler in November 1979. Hagler dominated the first half of the bout, but Antuofermo soaked up punishment and rallied in the championship rounds to retain the crown.

doesn't faze him. In round seven, LaMotta strikes suddenly, and his punches send Satterfield through the ropes. LaMotta is victorious by knockout.

Score one for the chins.

When fans gather to discuss dream fights, the classic matchups of styles—boxer vs. puncher, offensive fighter vs. counterpuncher—are invariably selected. Aficionados can spend hours predicting how the smooth style of Muhammed Ali would have fared against the raw power of Rocky Marciano. Or whether the unbridled aggression of Joe Frazier would have been successful against the methodical brilliance of Joe Louis.

There is another matchup of styles, however, that is rarely mentioned but offers at least as much potential action and excitement as any other: The matching of the iron-jawed but weak-punching aggressive fighter against the powerpunching but glass-jawed bomber.

Indeed, these contrasting styles have produced some of the most exciting matchups in history.

Detroit, Michigan, August 2, 1980: Earnie Shavers is 34 and faded. Yet it has only been a year since the feared heavyweight, arguably the hardest one-punch hitter in history, almost won the world title by driving Larry Holmes to the canvas with a terrific overhand right. Shavers holds kayos over world-class opponents Jimmy Young, Jimmy Ellis, and Ken Norton, but he's also been stopped by limited foes Ron Stander and Bernardo Mercado. There's nothing complicated about facing "The Acorn." Just keep standing long enough and you're likely to beat him.

Shavers is now painfully slow, but his opponent, Randall "Tex" Cobb, is a nondescript former college football player and full-contact karate fighter. Cobb is undefeated, but his competition has been terribly weak, and his sloppy style seems better suited for Saturday night free-for-alls in cowboy bars. Cobb's kayo record, 16 knockouts in 17 wins, belies his lack of power. But there's nothing deceiving about his toughness.

The fight opens as anticipated, with the more talented and experienced Shavers dominating the Texan. Cobb's defense, or rather lack thereof, makes Shavers' job even easier, and the question becomes not if Shavers will kayo his foe, but when. Round after round Shavers unloads on an unprotected chin. Yet Cobb remains upright, and the classic man bites dog scenario unfolds. Shavers, never known for his stamina, loses steam as the fight progresses, and Cobb, seemingly impervious to pain, rallies to stop the veteran in the eighth round.

The end comes with Cobb pounding an exhausted Shavers on the top of his bald head, as one might pound a hammer into a nail. Cobb, it is clear, can credit his win not to his ability, but to

his durability, and his opponent's vulnerability.

Which is the more essential quality, toughness or punching power? The matchup of tough, punchless brawler vs. hard-hitting, glass-jawed slugger has consistently been one of boxing's best. On a pure entertainment level, it provides the type of confrontations few other matchups can approach. Consider: One fighter has the rare ability to stand up to his opponent's best shots, but can only inflict damage with an accumulation of punches. The other possesses bonebreaking power, yet lacks even an average ability to absorb punishment. As both lack the defensive abilities of the classic stylish boxer, these matchups inevitably feature the contestants standing in ring center and slugging, until the power wears out the chin, or vice versa.

March 11, 1977, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Eugene "Cyclone" Hart is a typical Philadelphia fighter: no fancy moves, no backward steps, just a left hook that may be the division's best, and the proclivity to throw it. Unfortunately for Hart, he doesn't have the typical Philadelphia chin. As a result, when paired with world-class opponents, he is usually the droppee, not the dropper. Hart has scored kayos in his first 19 wins, and has won by decision only twice in 40 bouts. Among those who have stopped him are Bennie Briscoe, Marvin Hagler, Eddie Gregory, and Bobby Watts. Good company.

Hart's opponent, New York's Vito Antuofermo, is a punchless fighter with skills more akin to Conan the Barbarian than Willie Pep, and skin so tender that it can crack from a dirty look. Antuofermo doesn't have much, but what he has is concentrated in his heart and chin. In the years to come, heavy-handed hitters like Hagler and Briscoe would learn first-hand of Antuofermo's ability to soak up punishment.

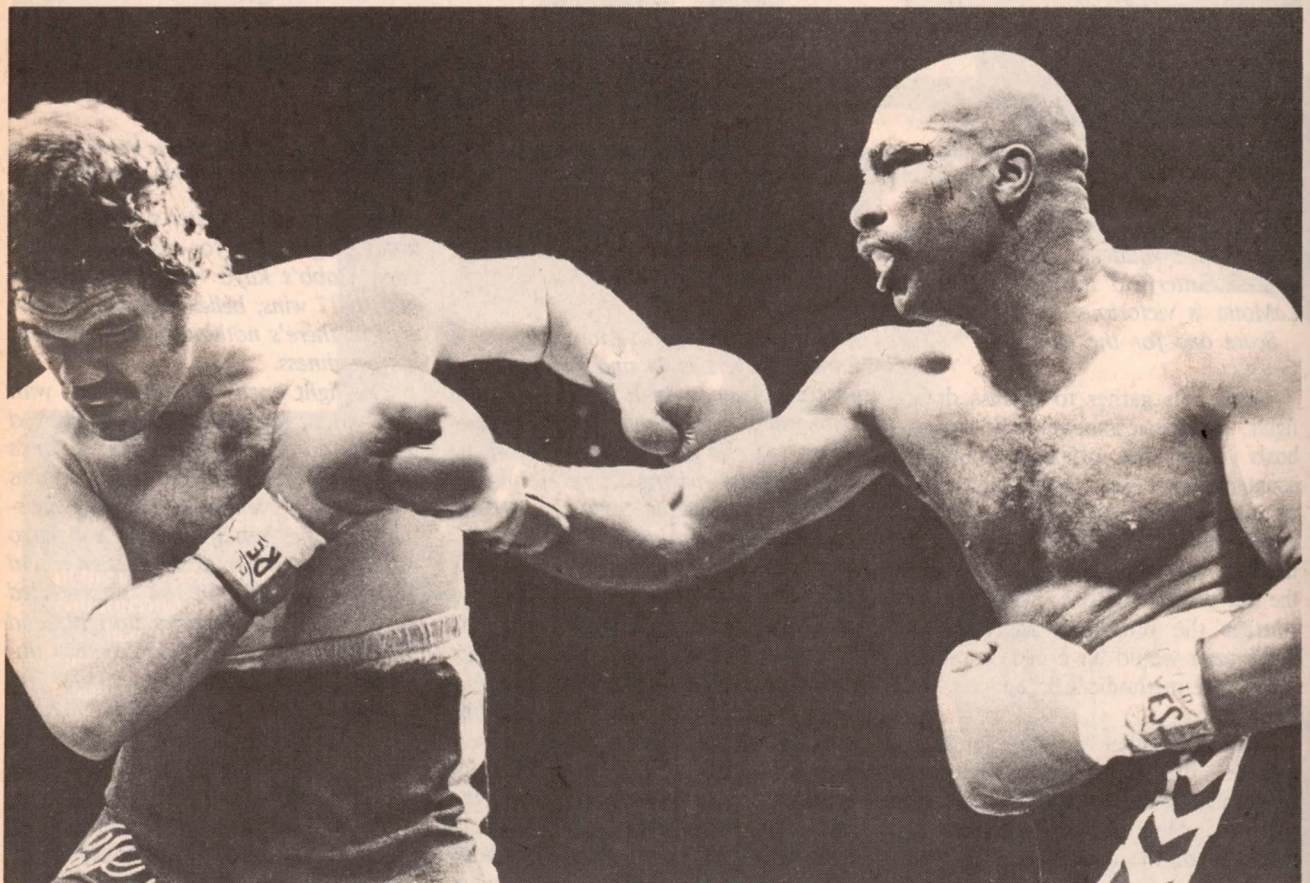
When this matchup is made, expectations are high, and as it turns out, no one is disappointed. Hart, true to his nickname, starts quickly and, in the first round, opens a deep cut on Antuofermo's left eyebrow. And in the second and third, he scores again and again with his devastating hook. But Antuofermo stands.

"What happened with Hart," Antuofermo would say years later, "is that I looked into his face and saw in his eyes that he had unloaded his guns. I started to take over, and he lost his heart a little bit."

Antuofermo rallies in the fourth, and in the fifth, backs a fatigued Hart to the ropes. Two knockdowns follow before the bout is stopped.

Is toughness a skill in itself? Fans look upon the classy boxer as someone who has spent countless hours learning his craft. There's always respect for the hard-as-a-rock, well-conditioned fighter whose seemingly endless supply of stamina is the result of diligent roadwork and rope-skipping. We even applaud the crude slugger whose ceaseless bobbing and weaving is evidence of gym dues paid. Yet most of us would be reluctant to heap praise upon a fighter simply because, through no effort on his part, he has been blessed with a concrete chin. But if we are to dismiss the ability to take punishment as part of the skills of the sweet science, mustn't we also dismiss the ability of the knockout puncher?

Though it is certainly possible to re-



Bleeding from a cut at the side of his left eye, heavyweight bomber Earnie Shavers reaches Tex Cobb with a right cross that might have knocked down a tree. But Cobb brushed off the blow and went on to stop Shavers in round eight. Shavers hit hard enough to knock out Jimmy Young, Jimmy Ellis, and Ken Norton.

fine punching power through proper training and instruction, most of history's big bangers will tell you they had dynamite in their hands long before they ever laced on a glove or learned to lead with their left. The Satterfields and Shavers would have possessed the same power regardless of how and where they trained. Similarly, the LaMottas and Cobbs would have had shatterproof chins no matter their teachers or techniques.

"Why do some fighters take a great punch?" said former middleweight champion Vito Antuofermo. "Part of it is never knowing what it's like to get knocked out as a kid. When it happens the first time, it weakens your chin, and your mind, too."

Both punching power and durability are gifts, and to make light of the latter, you also must dismiss the former. The type of matchups that have been discussed raises the question: Which is more important, the ability to dish it out, or the ability to take it?

May 29, 1982, Las Vegas: The junior lightweight division is hot, and two of the reasons are WBC champion Rolando Navarette, a southpaw from the Philippines with an inspired attack, and former champion Bazooka Limon, also a southpaw and a Mexican armpuncher who has been described by as having boxing's best chin.

Both fighters start slowly, but the aggressive Navarette takes command by repeatedly shaking Limon with counter combinations. He begins to tire in the middle rounds, however, and is hurt in both the eighth and ninth. The champion rebounds in the 11th, but he spends his remaining energy, and in the 12th, Limon strikes. A series of 13 straight punches sends Navarette down at the bell ending the round, and referee Joey Curtis counts him out. Navarette is ahead by two, three, and four points at the time of the kayo.

Mexico's Bazooka Limon not only accepted Rolando Navarette's best shots, but he also taunted him during their 1982 title fight (above). Philadelphia middleweight Cyclone Hart was kayoed by rugged Vito Antuofermo (below). Hart was the classic case of a bonebreaking puncher who lacked a strong chin.

The results of LaMotta-Satterfield, Cobb-Shavers, Antuofermo-Hart, and Limon-Navarette would seem to indicate that durability is a greater asset than power. What shouldn't be overlooked, however, is that this should be interpreted as a rule *only* in cases of opponents with toe-to-toe styles. While Cobb's chin wore out Shavers, it was target practice for the smooth boxing of Larry Holmes and Michael Dokes. In fact, sluggers have a much better chance against classy boxers than against tough, punchless brawlers. A bomber like Satterfield could lose every minute of every round, and then, with only seconds remaining in the fight, blast his slick and stylish opponent into oblivion.

The significance of power and toughness should be measured only in regard to each other. In so doing, consider these action-packed dream matchups: Shavers vs. George Chuvalo, the Canadian ironman whom *The Ring* founder Nat Fleischer called the toughest man he'd seen in more than a half-century of boxing; Jeff Merritt, the explosive but china-chined heavyweight of the '70s, vs. featherfisted Paulino Uzcudun, a contender of the '20s and '30s whose head was as hard as the stones his Basque compatriots are noted for throwing; Antuofermo vs. Joey DeJohn, the destructive, weak-jawed middleweight of the '40s and '50s.

One question remains: Why is it that some fighters have the innate ability to create thunder with their fists, while others are impregnable to punishment? The answer is something we can't provide. But as long as there is a sufficient quantity of both types of fighters, there will be dream matchups to last forever. ■

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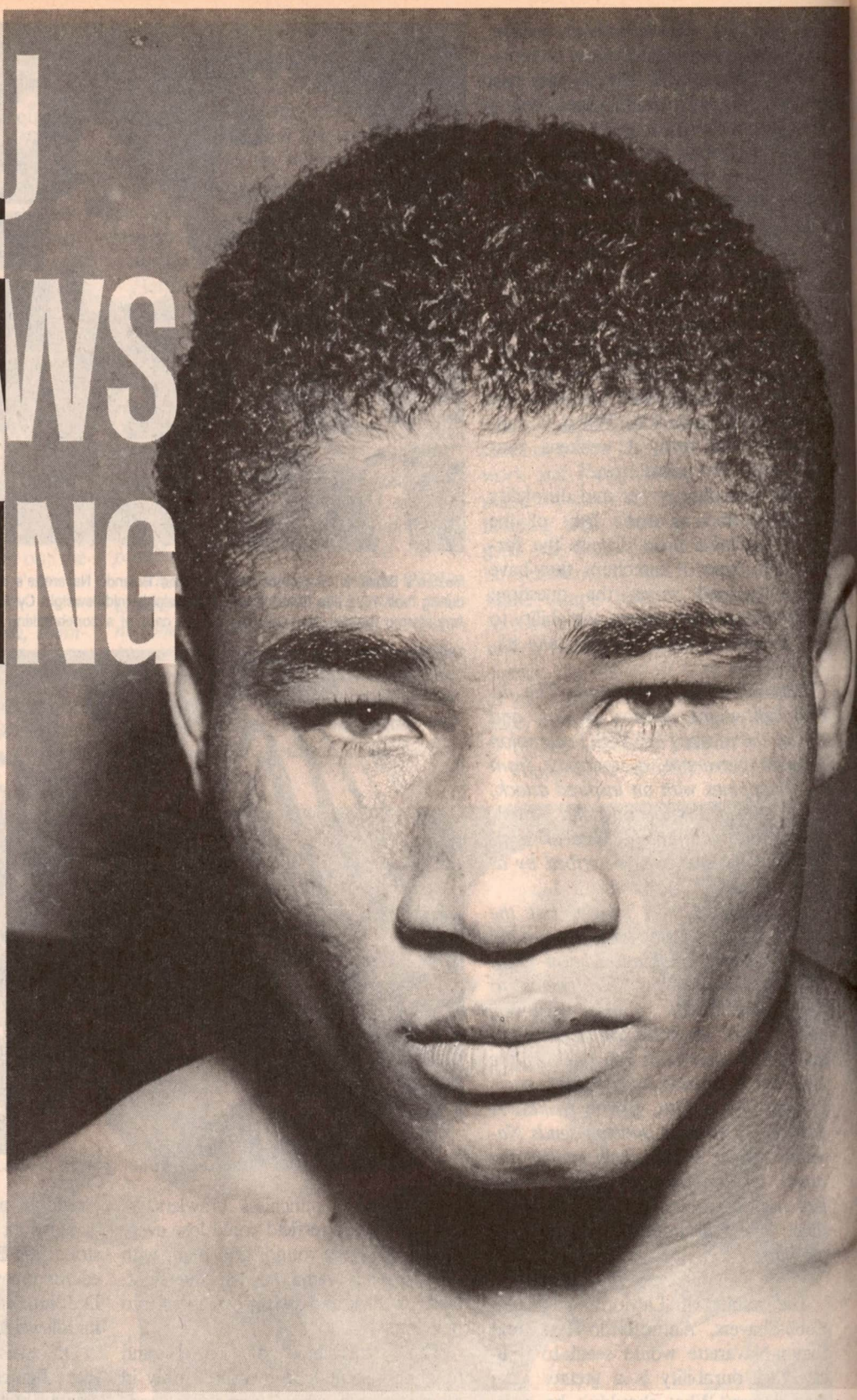
BEAU KNOWS BOXING



Beau Jack Still Shines

By Leita Kaldi

Walk by Roosevelt Ivory's Fifth Street Gym in Miami Beach and you will hear the staccato drumming of boxers hitting the small bag, and the bass thud of blows landing on the big bag in a rhythm measured by the sound of the bell. The gym is on the second floor.

"Left jab! Right hand! Keep yo' head down! Two lefts! Look straight ahead! Guard yo' face! Two rights! Hook! Hook! Keep yo' hands up!"

It is a sweltering summer day. Shadowboxing in the ring is a young man,

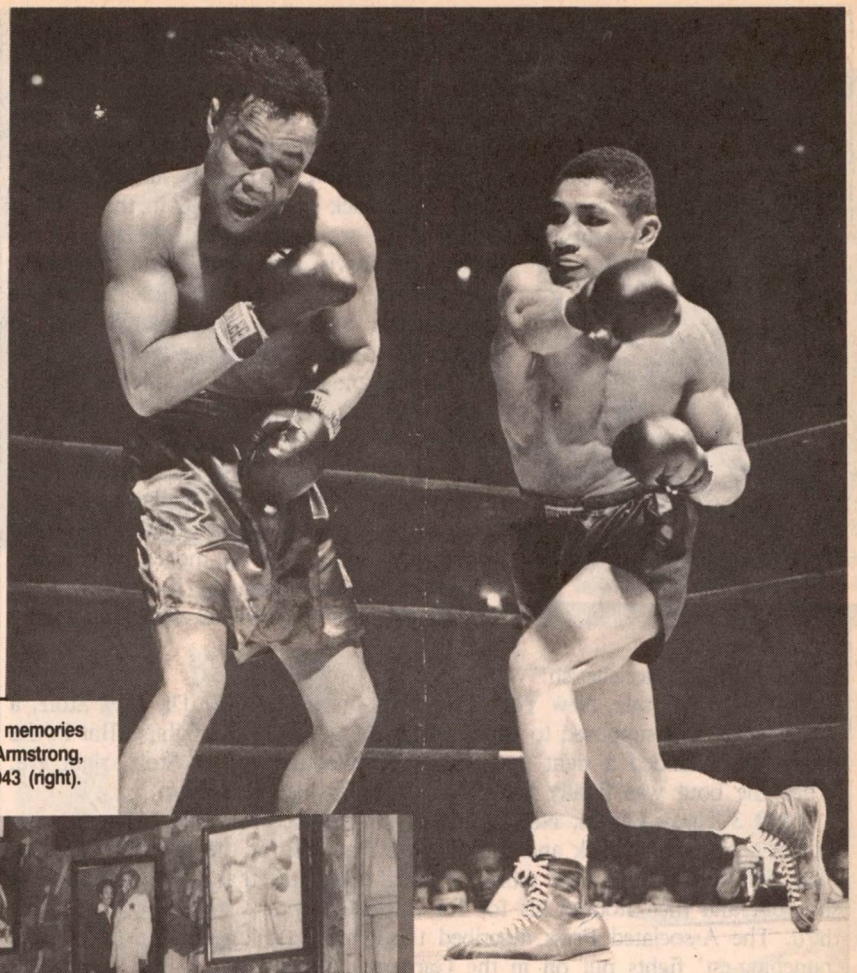
his pale skin slick with sweat. One hand curls like a paw in front of his face, while the other snaps steady punches into the air. He gasps for breath as his brown eyes brim and his jaw clenches. A relentless litany syncopates with the sound of soft shoes slapping on canvas.

"What's wrong wit' you? You think you boxin'? You ain't boxin.' You playin'!"

A wiry old man wearing a baseball cap sits by the ring. His dark face is knobby as a gourd. His one good eye stares concentratedly at the boxer. He is Sydney Walker, born in 1921 in Augusta, Georgia, nicknamed Beau Jack by his grandmother, Evie Mixom, who raised him.

Beau Jack looks sideways away from the ring as another boxer walks toward him. Muscles ripple under his dark skin, wet and sleek as a seal.

"Hey! Beau Jack! I'd sure like to



When Beau Jack (below) reflects on his career, his memories include battles with legendary foes like Henry Armstrong, whom Jack topped at Madison Square Garden in 1943 (right).

see the Tyson-Spinks fight at the Convention Center. But it costs 40 bucks, and I'm broke!"

Beau Jack squints up into the young man's face. "You been treatin' yo' mama right?"

"I sure have. Anything she say, I do!"

Beau Jack reaches into the pocket of his dingy jeans and pulls out a $50 bill. "See that you do," he says, as he hands the bill to the young man. "Remember! You only got one mama."

Beau Jack enters his office. Faded boxing photographs hang around the room. Strips of gauzy hand wraps flap at the window in the steady ocean breeze. Traffic noise filters up through the windows with the sandy dust. Beau Jack sips 7-Up and nibbles cookies from cellophane wrappers. He talks about his childhood and his grandmother, who wanted him to become a preacher, but may have unwittingly made him a fighter. Beau Jack smiles a toothless grin, as touching as a baby's, as he nostalgically tells about getting beat up and robbed of his pennies by older boys.

"And when I come home cryin', my grandma gave me the whuppin' of my life and told me, 'Walkers stay and fight! Till the blood run in they shoes!' "

He tells in his soft drawl how as a kid he fought in brutal battle royals, in a ring with five or more blindfolded black kids, flailing each other, while white gentlemen spectators threw bills to the survivors.

"In them days, you didn't fight no white men. It was strictly black on black. I started fightin' because I was hongry, and I needed money. If you got knocked down, you were put out the ring. I learned to stay low and keep swingin'! Hard! And I'd win 'em all!"

When he was 18, shining shoes and fighting in battle royals at the Augusta National Golf Club, certain wealthy men, including famous golfer Bobby Jones, gave him money to go to Massachusetts and get some professional training. Beau Jack recalls them saying, "This kid ain't nothin', but he sure can fight!"

In Springfield, Beau Jack met trainer Syd Bell, who taught him how to box, how to think, and how to behave. He told Beau Jack straight away,

BEAU JACK: *NO FIGHTER EVER GAVE MORE*

There have been bigger winners and better fighters, but the career of lightweight champion Beau Jack was as remarkable as any in boxing history. Consider that from 1941 to 1949, Jack fought 27 times at Madison Square Garden, headlined 21 cards, and regularly drew crowds of almost 20,000. Consider that in one month, March 1944, Jack main evented in three shows against three world-class fighters, Bob Montgomery, Al Davis, and Juan Zurita. And consider that on August 4, 1944, Jack and Bob Montgomery, who had been drafted into the Armed Forces on the very same day, met at the Garden and produced an all-time record gate of $35,864,000. (The staggering total was the result of the sale of war bonds.)

"Beau Jack," wrote Jimmy Cannon in 1955, "you weren't the best fighter I've ever seen, but there was never a gamer one. The people respect you, and if they are moved by courage, if they appreciate decency, if they can be reached by pity, they will cherish you a long time."

The highlights to cherish:

● **KO 7 Allie Stolz, New York City, November 13, 1942:** The slick Stolz, a 3-1 favorite, was supposed to expose Jack, 41-6-2, as a clubfighter. But in the fourth, Jack landed a right that opened a hideous cut over Stolz' right eye. When the bout was finally halted, a contender had been born.

● **KO 3 Tippy Larkin, New York City, December 18, 1942:** After Sammy Angott's retirement, Jack and Larkin were matched for the vacant New York State lightweight title. Jack scored a knockdown less than a minute into the shootout and then floored his foe for the count with a right uppercut in the third. The Associated Press described the contest as "one of the fastest and 'punching-est' fights put on in the Garden in years."

● **W 10 Henry Armstrong, New York City, April 2, 1943:** Student topped teacher as Jack outpointed his idol and mentor before 19,986 fans at the Garden. The scoring in rounds was 5-3-2, 8-2, and 7-2-1. Armstrong said he was disappointed that the usually swarming Jack had "run too much." A respectful Jack said he was lucky he hadn't met Armstrong in his prime.

● **W 15 Bob Montgomery, New York City, November 19, 1943:** Jack and Montgomery met a total of four times, with each lightweight winning twice. In this, their second encounter, Jack regained the title he had lost to "The Bobcat" six months earlier. Jack, a 4-1 underdog, was expected to tire in the championship rounds. Montgomery did indeed rally in the 14th and 15th, but Jack held on to take a close—and popular—points victory. This was considered the greatest triumph of Jack's career.

● **L 15 Bob Montgomery, New York City, March 3, 1944:** The underdogs dominated this series. Jack was a 9-5 favorite in this, their third clash. (Two weeks earlier, The Bobcat had been kayoed in one round by Al Davis.) Jack fell behind over the first eight rounds, then rallied furiously from the ninth through the 13th. But Montgomery's close was spirited enough to secure a split decision victory. Jack's championship days were over.

● **W 10 Juan Zurita, New York City, March 31, 1944:** Mexico's Zurita, coming off a victory over Angott, was the reigning NBA lightweight titlist. He confused Jack by switching from orthodox to southpaw, but Jack applied enough pressure to take a close but unanimous decision. In 1944, Jack was named *The Ring's* Fighter of the Year.

● **KO by 6 Ike Williams, Philadelphia, July 12, 1948:** "Williams," Jack once said, "was the one fighter I couldn't beat." No longer a lightweight, Jack had to lose 13 pounds in 14 days and never threatened the lightweight champion. He was spent by the fourth round, and in the sixth, a hook to the jaw introduced the finishing flurry. Jack and Williams would meet twice more. Their third bout, fought on August 12, 1955, and won by Williams via ninth-round kayo, was the last of each champion's career.

—Steve Farhood

"I don't need your money, but you need me." Beau Jack followed his advice, and he attributes his successes in large part to Bell.

"There were many times, though," he says, "I thought I would never satisfy him."

Beau Jack won the lightweight title twice. Madison Square Garden sold out 21 times for him. He shows a plaque that he received for attracting the largest gross gate in history, raising $35,864,000 for U.S. War Bonds.

"If I could do it again for my country, I would," he proudly asserts.

Beau Jack is reputed to have earned a fortune, though now he appears to be penniless. When asked how he spent all the money, he explodes, "Spend it! You could never spend all that money!" But he refuses to discuss rumors that it had been swindled away from him, claiming that he does not care about money.

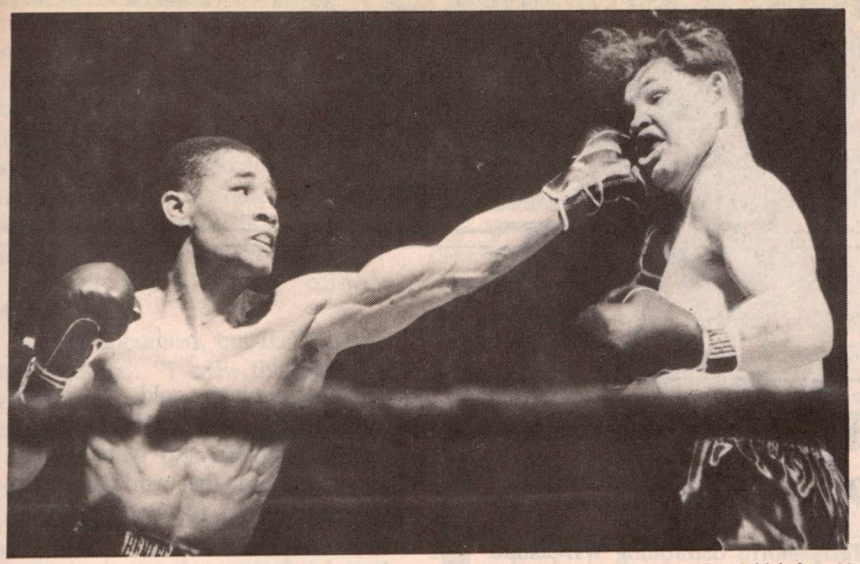
When Jack lost to Bobby Ruffin, it was his second loss in four fights. But he rebounded to regain the lightweight title in his next bout.

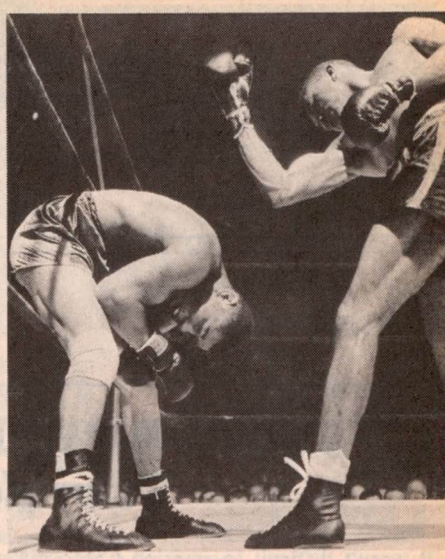
"All I care about is, did I do good, boxing for the people who paid money to see me fight."

Young boxers come to Beau Jack for the training that has made the Fifth Street Gym famous. They leave with much more. A tall, dark man with glasses, whom they call "Professor," can be found at the gym nearly every day, working out, watching Beau Jack train young hopefuls. They play cards together during the slow hours.

"Beau Jack is a caring individual who does more than his share," says Professor. "He teaches the kids how to carry themselves. He teaches them how to be better people, not just better fighters. He taught me that I can achieve whatever I want to do."

Another young black man in a red T-shirt and red baseball cap pulled down over his shades says, "I been





Jack's best year was 1944, during which he outpointed Bummy Davis (above left) and archrival Bob Montgomery (above right), among others. After leaving the ring, Jack spent years shining shoes at Miami's Fountainbleu Hotel (below). The photo was taken during the 1968 Republican Convention.

training with Beau Jack for a while. I live alone. Sometimes I can't make my rent. I kind of count on Beau Jack to lend me the money when that happens."

"Yeah," chimes in another boxer, as he swings his dufflebag over his shoulder. "You'll find guys sleepin' in here. Beau Jack feeds 'em. He always says, 'A hungry man is a dangerous man.' "

Beau Jack chuckles. "Lots of kids come in because the stars come by here—Ali, Larry Holmes, Uriah [Grant], Bobby Czyz—some a' the pros care about the kids, but others wouldn't even give 'em a autograph! And some of these kids come in 'cause they heard about me, and they want to fight like me. I'll help 'em. I'll do everything I can for 'em. But there ain't too many no more who are tough enough.

"I try to tell the kids who come in here—you got to do your best for your fans. They make you. I will never forget goin' into Madison Square Garden and hearin' my fans screamin' and hollerin' my name. That makes you try harder. You know you're not alone. They used to love to watch me fight. You couldn't keep me down. Even when my kneecap got broke right in half, I wouldn't go down. Just hopped around on one leg and kept fightin'!"

The young man whom Beau Jack had been verbally pounding in the ring comes over and hands in his gloves and hand wraps.

"When you gonna buy you some gloves of your own?" Beau Jack shakes his head and winks conspiratorially. "These kids, they get you for everything—equipment, money, almost have to feed and clothe 'em."

The young man is tall, with an adolescent gawkiness, but his shoulders and long arms are well-muscled. He is asked how he feels about training with Beau Jack.

"He's the best! But he's tough! Sometimes I think I'll never satisfy him!" He grins and turns, "See ya', Beau Jack!"

Though Beau Jack lives alone in a furnished room, he has a wife and children in Miami. Did any of his sons want to box?

"Uh-uh!" he shakes his head adamantly. "Wife would not allow it! And I didn't push it. 'Cause I knew the minute one of 'em come home hurt, all I'd hear was 'I told you so.' Nope! I decided I'd be the only one in the family to get hurt."

Boxing is always under fire because of the hurts inflicted and the underlying intent unique to the sport to seriously hurt your opponent. Beau Jack does not understand such criticism.

"Why do one person want to live another person's life?" he demands indignantly. "It's my responsibility if I want to be a fighter. I will take the punishment. If someone wants to fight, cheer him on, don't put him down."

He pauses thoughtfully.

"I never prayed to win. I only prayed for the strength to know what to do and when to do it."

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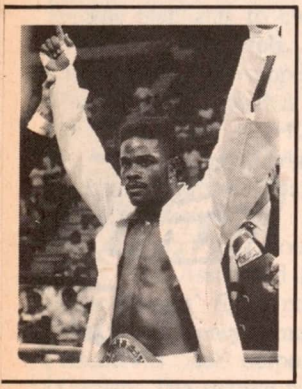
RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH: Terry Norris

It wasn't difficult to envision California's Terry Norris dethroning WBC super velterweight champion John Mugabi. Given Norris' speed and boxing skills, it vas easy to picture him popping "The Beast" in the mug and then neatly lancing out of counterpunching distance. Though Mugabi was the favorite, and the bout took place in his adopted hometown of Tampa, Norris by points seemed a realistic possibility.



Norris by first-round kayo did not.

In July 1989, Norris challenged WBA junior middleweight champion Julian Jackson, who, like Mugabi, rates among boxing's hardest hitters. Norris was brilliant for a round, or until Jackson landed his first meaningful punch. Then Norris collapsed. For sure, Norris was a fighter who would be most successful in extended chess matches. Against Buster Drayton and Tony Montgomery he was dull and triumphant. Against Jackson, he was exciting—and got kayoed.

When Norris staggered Mugabi in the first round, he gambled by trying for the finish. He won, and as a result, he's a world champion. And nobody can be sure now he's going to fight next.

JORGE PAEZ-LOUIE ESPINOZA

LAS VEAGS, NEVADA—"Maromero" Paez, continuing to weave dramatic plots right down to the final bell, escaped with a 12-round split decision against Phoenix' demanding Espinoza, 126, before 3,750 fans at the Las Vegas Hilton.

By winning the 12th round, Paez capped a long rally—he had lost the first four rounds on all scorecards—and avoided a repeat of the draw these valiant warriors waged in May 1989.

There would be no quarrel with the public if Barron Hilton's flagship brought Paez and Espinoza back for a third meeting. But that's not likely to happen, not with the presence of Troy Dorsey, fresh off an eight-round TKO over Bernardo Pinango in the semi-windup. Dorsey lost a heavily disputed split decision to Paez in February and is ready for a title-fight rematch.

"What counts is the money," said Paez, 35-2-2 (25), who earned $110,000 for the Espinoza fight. "It doesn't make any difference if it's for the WBA, WBC, IBF, or WBO, I respect all championships."

The scoring: Patricia Jarman and Jerry Roth both saw it 115-113 for Paez. Dalby Shirley had an identical score for Espinoza. All three judges are Las Vegas-based. *The Ring* scored 115-113 for Espinoza.

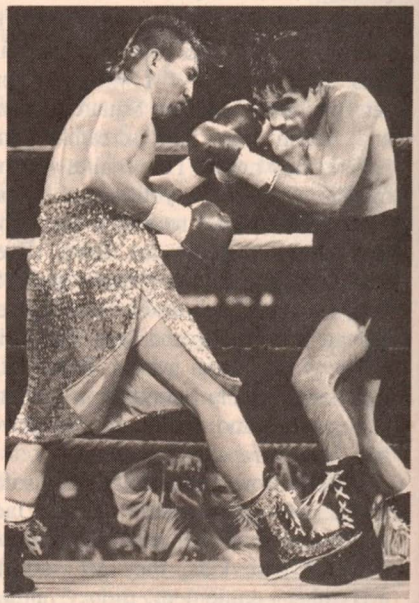
Unlike the Dorsey fight, for which he had to lose 18 pounds in two weeks and wound up with a viral infection, Paez had to step on the scale only once to make the division limit of 126. In fact, Paez felt so good before the fight that he employed his private barber to stencil "No Drugs" on the back of the champion's head.

Paez entered the ring in a flowing, full-length sequined gold robe with hood and cuffs trimmed in some sort of white fluff. He also wore a sparkling tiara, and the world's longest gold trunks. Even for Paez, it was a strong fashion statement.

Paez let Espinoza dictate the tempo, and the challenger took the lead with three-punch combinations. Paez' superb chin, however, made the blows seem like gnat nips.

Paez began to turn it around in the fifth, and Jarman and Roth awarded the IBF champion rounds six through 10. Espinoza's pressure offense carried the 11th, and, as was the case in their first fight, the bout was on the line when the fighters came out for the final round. But unless Espinoza could manage a 10-8 round or better, the best he could have secured was a majority draw.

Espinoza opened the 12th with his tireless jab, but Paez knocked him off-balance with a looping right. There was a brisk exchange at center ring, and then Paez exploded with three



Paez dresses down Espinoza

good rights. It was clearly the champion's round.

"Espinoza knows me, and Louie was well-prepared," Paez said. "And that made for a tough fight. I could not punch my best because Espinoza was right in there. He deserves to be a world champion, too. But somebody has to win, somebody has to lose."

Espinoza, 33-4-1 (28), collected $45,000.

"I'm disappointed, but that's how it goes," he said. "I knew this fight was very close, but this time I felt like I was definitely the winner. When I got a little tired in the middle rounds, I coasted, but I felt I came back strong. I thought I hurt him a couple of times, but we were both in great condition. The toughest thing about fighting Paez is getting your timing to adjust to his style."

(4-7-90)

Jack Welsh

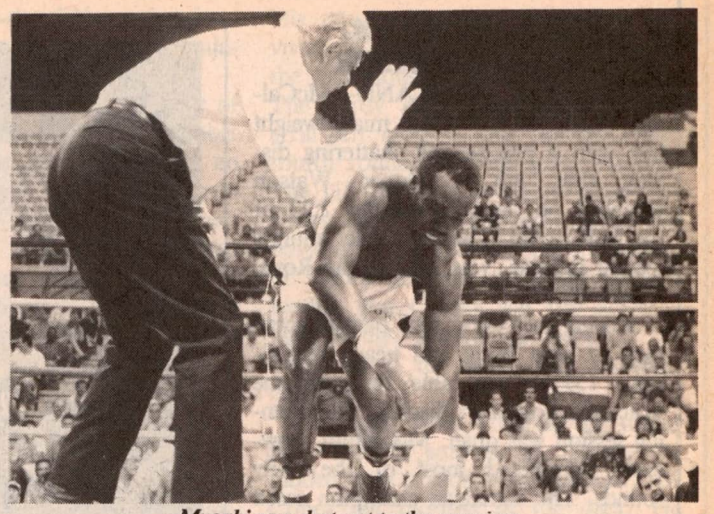
TERRY NORRIS-JOHN MUGABI

TAMPA, FLORIDA—The city of Tampa hosted a world championship fight for the first time since 1971. And this bout, contested for the WBC super welterweight title, featured a fighter Tampa fans consider one of their own. Mugabi, who had fought here eight previous times, was favored against the fifth-ranked Norris. Most observers predicted an early stoppage win for "The Beast," who had never gone the distance in 39 previous fights. (He is now 36-3 with 36 kayos.)

But Mugabi, who came out stiff, straight up, and dry, was wobbled by a counter hook a minute into the fight. He struggled mightily to remain upright, but Norris, 25-3 (14), dropped him with a flurry of punches. Mugabi beat the count, but was obviously without a compass. He reached for his mouthpiece, which was dangling from his lips, and dropped it.

Trainer Jimmy Williams screamed for Mugabi to tie up Norris, but The Beast's instincts took hold and he did what came naturally; he fought back. The junior middleweights furiously traded punches, with Norris, 153¾, Campo, California, keeping the pressure on. He popped Mugabi with a jab and then finished him with an overhand right to the jaw that sent the champion crashing face-down to the canvas. Referee Eddie Eckert signaled the end at 2:47 of round one.

In Norris' corner, there was unrestrained jubilation. In Mugabi's corner, there was stunned silence and concern for the fallen warrior, who remained in a prone position for several minutes. Afterward, manager Mickey Duff said that this was Mugabi's last fight at 154 pounds.



Mugabi rose, but not to the occasion

"He's moving up to middleweight to stay," Duff said.

Mugabi, 30, was making his first defense of the title he had won from Rene Jacquot in July 1989.

Duff later said that his charge might not have been at his best because he had taken antihistamines for an itching problem about 4½ hours before the opening bell. There were also unconfirmed rumors that Mugabi, who weighed in at the division limit of 154, was as much as eight pounds overweight only days prior to the fight.

Mugabi entered the ring to the recorded strains of "2001: A Space Odyssey" and the deafening sound of 2,100 fans who stamped their feet and chanted "Beast! Beast!" When asked what music should accompany Norris' entrance, manager Joe Sayatovich said, "This ain't no goddamned dog and pony show; we came here to fistfight."

And fistfight is exactly what Norris, 22, did. "He [Mugabi] came out pretty slow," Norris said. "I anticipated that he'd come out fast. I knew right off that I was faster than he was, and when he threw that lazy right, I slipped it and caught him with the hook.

"He never hit me good, just a grazing right hand that pushed me off-balance. He really didn't have that much power after the first hook."

Mugabi was apologetic to fans who gathered around him after the fight, but he would not speak with reporters. That was left to trainer Williams, who commented, "John had 36 guys he took out, now he's on the other side. It's reality and we have to accept it, but the greatest win is over defeat.

"He was in fantastic shape, but I don't know what's going on inside someone."

While the main event was short, it was laden with drama. The same could not be said for the four-bout undercard.

Jesse Ferguson, 227, Philadelphia, pounded a game but limited Terry Armstrong, 237½, Cincinnati, en route to a stoppage win at 1:19 of the sixth of a scheduled 10. Ferguson is 17-5; Anderson, 9-9.

Willie Monroe, 161, Ithaca, New York, started strongly, but tired of continually hitting Ricky Stackhouse, 161½, Atlanta. Nonetheless, Monroe, 15-1, registered a TKO over the willing Stackhouse, 20-10, at 46 seconds of the sixth in a bout scheduled for 10.

Ron Essett, 174, Clearwater, had an easy time against hapless Phil Lewis, 171½, Ft. Lauderdale, knocking him down three times to gain a TKO at 2:50 of the first round (scheduled for six). Essett is 20-3-2; Lewis is 3-10-2.

In a scheduled four-rounder, Gerald Coleman, 160, Tampa, stopped debuting Ron Foreman, 164½, Tampa, at 1:23 of the first. Coleman is 4-0.

Promoter: Alessi Promotions Inc.

Referees: Eddie Eckert, Brian Garry, Mike Boggs

Judges: Frank Skilbred, Wilson Robinson, Tony Palermo, Angel Luis Guzman, Ladislao Sanchez, Alverto Perez

Timekeeper: Billy Herold

Attendance: 2,100 (estimated)

Television: ABC

(3-31-90)

Ken Knox

MIKE McCALLUM-MICHAEL WATSON

LONDON, ENGLAND—McCallum defended the WBA middleweight title with a precise and shattering display that left Londoner Watson sprawled on the canvas after 2:22 of the 11th round. The bout, McCallum's second defense, was held at the Royal Albert Hall.

Scoring easily and with painful accuracy to both body and head, McCallum, 159½, was able to overcome Watson's iron-heart display. The opening session was quiet. McCallum, however, dominated most of the early rounds. The Jamaican champion eased back in round six and seven, then rallied once again.

Except for brief instances, the fight was disastrous for Mickey Duff's latest world title challenger, whose only strategy appeared to be advance at all costs.

It was once said that there is hope in honest error. This has to be true of Watson, 160, who will have to rethink any future title attempts after such a brave but tactics-free effort.

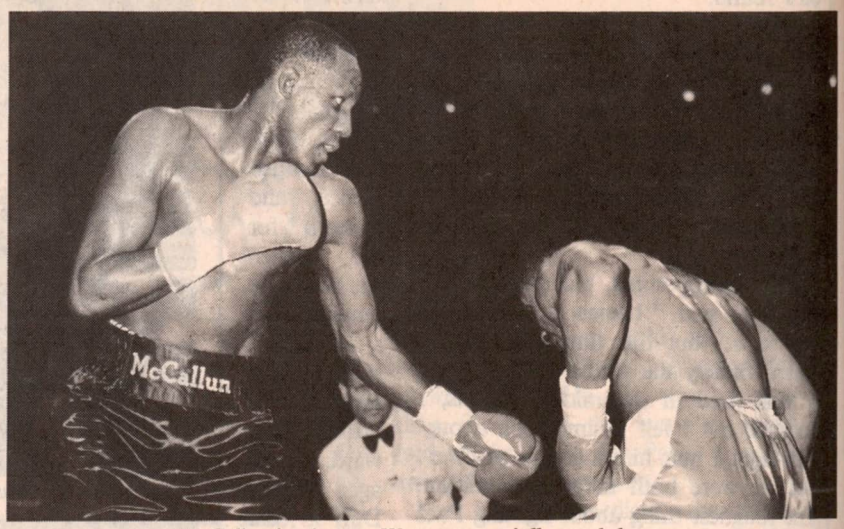
McCallum's signature body hooks penetrated Watson's defense during the first few rounds. The Londoner, with his hands held high, moved his body in rolling arcs as he advanced behind a straight, feeling jab. In the second, Watson waved McCallum in and the crowd roared, but McCallum continued to whip in long body shots.

Watson's left eye was swollen by round three, as the winning pattern of McCallum's bodypunching, combined with elusive movements, were clearly in place. This is exactly how it remained until the middle rounds, when McCallum took a breather.

The rest ended in round eight, when Watson, for all his bravery and effort, was clearly in trouble and had difficulty avoiding McCallum's bodypunches.

Watson should have been pulled out by his corner at the end of the 10th. In rounds nine and 10 he forced forward with jabs that settled unconnected. As a result, McCallum's calculating counters mounted.

Backed up but firing at the start of the 11th, Watson was soon covering as McCallum set himself for the end. Referee Roberto Ramirez looked on and seemed poised to intervene, as Watson was floored by a streamline rally of punches. He was counted out without threatening to beat the 10-count.



McCallum's win over Watson was a jolly good show

Lennox Lewis, 233½, the London-born Canadian Olympic super heavyweight champion, who is now based in London, blasted Zambian Mike Simwelu, 229, 58 seconds into the opening round. Referee: Roy Francis.

Tim Driscoll, 127, London, outpointed Birmingham's Rocky Lawlor, 127, over six three-minute rounds. Referee Reg Thompson scored 59½-58½.

Ian Strudwick, 162, Hockley, climbed up from two knockdowns to retain his unbeaten record against Croydon's very dangerous Valentine Golding, 160. Golding was down in the third. He rallied to dominate the final two rounds, but still lost the six-round bout. Referee Francis voted 58½-57½.

(4-14-90)

Steve Bunce

PAUL BANKE-DANIEL ZARAGOZA

INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA—Never highly regarded as a champion, Zaragoza lost the WBC super bantamweight title when he was stopped in the ninth round by Banke. It was a terrific fight that will be discussed in these parts for years to come.

Zaragoza, 122, Mexico City, was making his sixth defense of the title he won in 1988. This was a rematch; in a 1989 title bout, Zaragoza won a split decision.

This time Banke seemed more determined. He curtailed his clowning and attacked the 30-year-old champion, who has been in too many recent wars for his own good. Zaragoza's face looked a mess when the fight was stopped by referee John Thomas at 2:51 of the ninth round. Zaragoza fell twice in the round.

The 26-year-old Banke, 122, Quail Valley, set the tone from the opening bell, swarming all over the notoriously slow-starting champion. By the second round, Zaragoza, a southpaw, was finding his range with his three-inch reach advantage, and he was able to keep his younger opponent at bay. There was non-stop action in the third, with both fighters taking tremendous punishment. The veteran champion seemed ready to fall on more than one occasion.

The action slowed slightly in the fourth, with Banke coming forward with total disregard for defense. He caught Zaragoza with some big shots at the end of the round. The Mexican was cut by the side of the eye in the fifth, and although the cut offered no threat, it looked bad and forced the champion to resort to desperate tactics to keep Banke at bay. The cut opened again in the sixth, but Banke failed to capitalize. He slowed in the seventh, allowing Zaragoza to get back into the fight with his superior counterpunching. Zaragoza clearly won the eighth, outpunching Banke off the ropes, but after a lecture in the corner, Banke accelerated in the ninth. He floored Zaragoza twice, prompting the stoppage.

Zaragoza was ahead on all three scorecards at the time of the stoppage, 78-75, 78-74, and 79-73. (The scoring seemed far too lopsided.) A rubber match is not out of the question, and

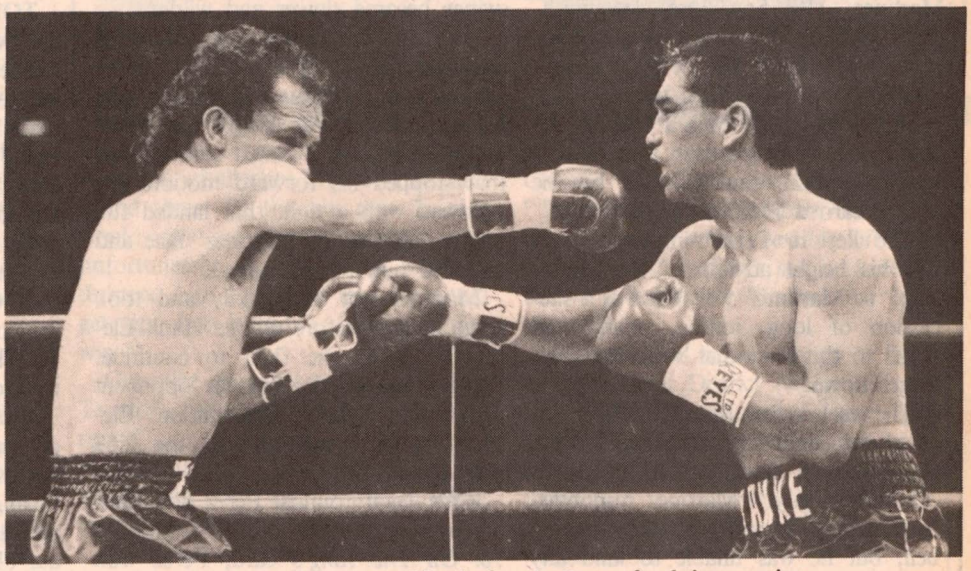
hopefully they will pick up more than the $65,000 they shared for this great showing. Banke is 19-4 (10); Zaragoza is 39-5-1 (19).

The main supporting bout saw the return of former super flyweight champion Gilberto Roman, 117, Mexicali, Mexico, against Mike Phelps, 116, Galena Park, Texas. Roman was ahead on points in the ninth round, when an unintentional butt gave him a deep eye cut. Roman was declared the winner by technical decision. Roman, the busier fighter, improved to 54-5-1 (35); Phelps is 29-3-1 (7).

Kevin Ford was supposed to be a hot prospect, but he got blown away at 2:50 of the seventh round by the experienced, blown-up light heavyweight Tony Willis. Ford, 229½, Long Beach, was downed twice in the first round by sucker rights, but managed to survive the next five rounds against the out-of-condition Willis. Ford fell like a huge tree, however, when Willis connected in the seventh, and was on the canvas for some time. Willis, 199½, Chicago, engaged in his first fight as a heavyweight. He was coming off a lengthy layoff. Willis is 17-1 (12); Ford is 9-1 (9).

Promoter: Forum Boxing
Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis
Attendance: 5,937
(4-23-90)

Michael Hepworth



West Coast war: Zaragoza and Banke found a Forum for their aggression

KHAOSAI GALAXY-COBRA ARI BLANCA

BANGKOK, THAILAND—Twin brothers Khaosai and Kaokor Galaxy were injured in an auto accident last December. Former WBA bantamweight titlist Kaokor, 15 minutes older than Khaosai, was so seriously hurt that he will probably never fight again.

Khaosai, however, returned to the ring three months later. His fans were worried about his condition, and they gloomily watched as the WBA junior bantamweight champion was floored by a left thrown by Filipino challenger Blanca in the closing seconds of the first round. But Khaosai, 115, survived and battered Blanca, 115, from the second round on. The hard-punching Thai finally caught his foe with a vicious counter left and knocked him out 30 seconds into the fifth session in a scheduled 12-round title bout at Rajadamnern Stadium.

Galaxy registered his 13th defense of the title he acquired in November 1984. The Thai, who will be 31 on May 15, stands just 5'3", but his torso is like that of a muscular featherweight. It was thought that Blanca would be no match for the powerful southpaw; the Filipino, 27, was also a lefty, but he didn't possess Galaxy's power.

Blanca had lost his Filipino junior bantamweight title in a tuneup against Ray Paciones on January 27. His defeat temporarily jeopardized this title go. But Niwat Laosuwanwat, the manager and promoter of the Galaxys, forced it as scheduled.

Galaxy looked confident enough in the first round, and kept the pressure on the nervous challenger. Galaxy stalked, and "The Cobra" paid reasonable respect. But Galaxy was careless, and Blanca threw a light but quick left to the chin. The champion's legs sagged, and the Filipino instantly swarmed over the champion and connected with another good left. Galaxy surprisingly lost his balance and fell to the canvas. American referee Lou Moret counted the mandatory eight to the bewildered Thai, who stood up promptly. Blanca quickly attacked, and it seemed the champion was saved by the bell.

The second round saw Blanca rushing out of his corner to go for the finish. He threw machine-gun punches. His attack, however, might have revived the fighting spirit and reflexes of the notoriously slow-starting Galaxy. The sturdy Thai responded with powerful left crosses, and the third and fourth rounds became quite lopsided. The 115-pounders exchanged their best blows, but the difference in power was obvious. Khaosai shook off the poison of Cobra and retaliated with atomic bombs. But Galaxy was too anxious, and, though dominating the pace, the Thai failed to catch the awkward challenger.

The end came abruptly in round five. Just 20 seconds in, Galaxy exploded with a lethal counter left. The Cobra fell facefirst to the deck. He collapsed with a thud, and the ringsiders correctly sensed that the fight was over. It was such a spectacular one-punch knockout. Even after Moret tolled his 10-count, Blanca remained flat on the deck.

After the fourth round, the scorecards read: Antonio Requena (Venezuela) and Ken Morita (Japan), both 38-37, and Kazunobu Asao (Japan), 38-36, all for Galaxy.

"I couldn't see his punch in the first round, but I know I could finish him after I regained my feet," Galaxy said. "My object is to score 16 title defenses to beat the Oriental record [registered by South Korea's former light flyweight titlist Jung Koo Chang]. "I'm happy to prove that I am all right despite the car accident."

Galaxy is 43-1 (38); Blanca is 31-6-2 (12).

In his next defense, Galaxy will meet Japanese champion Shunichi Nakajima, who is a tricky swinger with a decent punch. Galaxy will retain the title with ease if he starts his engine early. But if Nakajima uses all his energy in the first three rounds, Galaxy may reveal his vulnerability.

A day after the Blanca fight, Galaxy received a citation as the WBA's Fighter of the Year for 1989 from president Gilberto Mendoza.
(3-29-90)

Joe Koizumi

RAUL PEREZ-GERARDO MARTINEZ

INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA—Perez, 117, Tijuana, Mexico, stopped Martinez, 118, San Jose, via ninth-round TKO at the Great Western Forum and retained the WBC bantamweight title for the fifth time.

Perez, 46-1 (29), earned $50,000 before 5,652 wildly partisan fans. Martinez, 24-1 (12), ranked third by the WBC, earned $15,000.

The key to Perez' impressive win was his height advantage. (He stands 5'11" to Martinez' 5'5".) It was a succession of long, jolting, unanswered rights to the head that wore the challenger down.

The week before the fight, Perez angered Martinez by referring to the then-unbeaten challenger as "just another short guy." Martinez responded by charging forward at the opening bell, but he was unable to land any telling blows. Perez seemed disdainful and took his time in landing solid rights almost every time Martinez came in.

In the early rounds, Martinez experienced frustrating problems with his shoes, which lacked traction. He was unable to plant himself firmly, and Perez took advantage by scoring often.

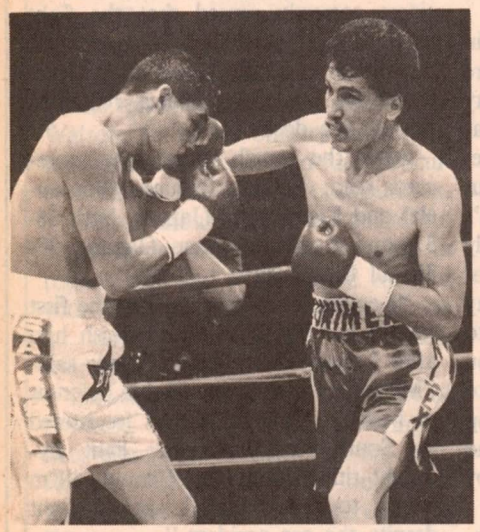
After a couple of rocky rounds, Martinez' cornermen shaved the bottoms of his shoes, and the challenger's footing improved. It made no tangible difference, however, in the fight.

By the eighth round, Martinez was running out of steam. Blood started seeping from his mouth, and the left side of his face began to swell. Still, he came forward, looking to tag the champion with uppercuts and rights. Perez swiftly moved out of danger. As the rounds progressed, Martinez' swings became slower and wilder.

Late in the ninth, as Martinez launched a flurry of errant blows in an increasingly desperate search for one telling punch, Perez caught him coming in with a three-punch combination that stopped his forward motion. He followed with a right that landed full on the left side of Martinez' face and knocked him to the canvas.

Martinez got up shakily and took some breaths before referee Hank Elespuru ordered the fight to continue. Perez pounced, decking his opponent with another fierce combination. Elespuru stopped the bout at the 2:59 mark.

After eight rounds, Perez was leading by scores of 79-74, 77-74, and 77-76. On *The Ring's* card, Perez won every round except the third, when a low blow cost him a point.



Perez drills Martinez

Perez is looking forward to a sizable payday at the Forum against newly crowned WBC super bantamweight champion Paul Banke.

"I can still make 118," he said, "but I want to move up to 122 and fight Banke, here at the Forum."

Banke was scheduled to meet South Korea's Seung Hoon Lee on June 9 in Seoul. If he is successful in his first defense, he should meet Perez later this year.

On the undercard, San Fernando heavyweight Alex Garcia, 225, improved to 11-2 (10) with a first-round kayo of Wichita, Kansas' hapless Bill Duncan, 270, who looked badly out of shape.

The best fight on the card was the scheduled six-rounder between bantamweights Steve Mwema, 9-0-1 (5), Los Angeles via Kenya, and Oxnard's John Ramirez, 5-2 (1). After a bloody and ferocious three rounds, which featured a brave but ineffectual Ramirez weakly trading blows with the stronger Mwema, the bout was stopped and given to the Kenyan at 1:53 of the third.

The card was promoted by Forum Boxing. Antonio Curtis was the matchmaker.
(5-7-90)

Neil Fletcher

HIDEYUKI OHASHI-JUM HWAN CHOI

TOKYO—It's been suggested that the wealthier Japan becomes, the weaker its ringmen are. It may be true; we see few hungry young men and many who are spoiled and easy-going. But Japan's boxing slump, which began in January 1988, may be over. Ohashi, 105, a lanky puncher, impressively wrested the WBC strawweight crown, as he scored a fine knockout over Choi, 105, a durable Korean, at 2:11 of the ninth round in a scheduled 12. The bout was attended by a capacity crowd of 3,500 at Korakuen Hall.

Ohashi's hard-earned victory was welcomed even by the mass media that had severely criticized the decline of boxing in Japan. It was a total war, with the contestants exchanging desperate blows at close quarters the entire fight. But Ohashi, 24, gained the upper hand by firing more accurate jabs and straight rights.

Choi, the former IBF junior flyweight champion, had gained the WBC throne via 12th-round stoppage of Napa Kiatwanchai, a Thai lefty, in Korea last November. This was Choi's first defense. Ohashi, on the other hand, had failed to win the WBC light flyweight crown, losing to "Korean Hawk" Jung Koo Chang twice by TKO, in 1986 and again in 1988. After his second setback to Chang, Ohashi moved down to the 105-pound division and registered four straight kayoes.

Ohashi made good use of his longer left and dominated the first session. In round two, the baby-faced Choi came inside and scored with solid right uppercuts that reddened the challenger's face. In the third, the challenger tried to outjab the Korean champ and followed with solid crosses to the face.

The fourth was a furious round, with both men refusing to retreat. They stood toe-to-toe in the center of the ring and exchanged punches. Choi attempted to penetrate Ohashi's peekaboo guard, and the challenger retaliated with strong overhand rights.

Ohashi was in command by a small margin at the end of the fourth, but Choi took the next round by scoring with many effective uppercuts. Ohashi, who was an excellent amateur with a record of 44-3 (27), dominated the sixth and seventh rounds. He repeatedly connected with his well-timed crosses, and shook up the champion. In the eighth, Choi came back inside with combinations, but Ohashi retaliated with solid lefts and rights. Ohashi's solid combinations had Choi's right eye almost closed.

The knockout came in the ninth, when Ohashi exploded with a wicked left hook to the body and Choi sat down in agony. The Korean beat the count and furiously fought back with a flurry of punches. Ohashi covered up and then landed another lethal left to the liver. Choi collapsed, doubling up on the deck. After referee Lou Filippo completed the 10-count, Choi remained prone for several minutes.

The scoring at the time of the stoppage: Dr. James Jen Kin (USA), 78-74, Gus Mercurios (Australia), 78-74, and Abraham Chavarria (Mexico), 79-74, all for the challenger. Ohashi is 13-3 (9); Choi fell to 20-3 (8).

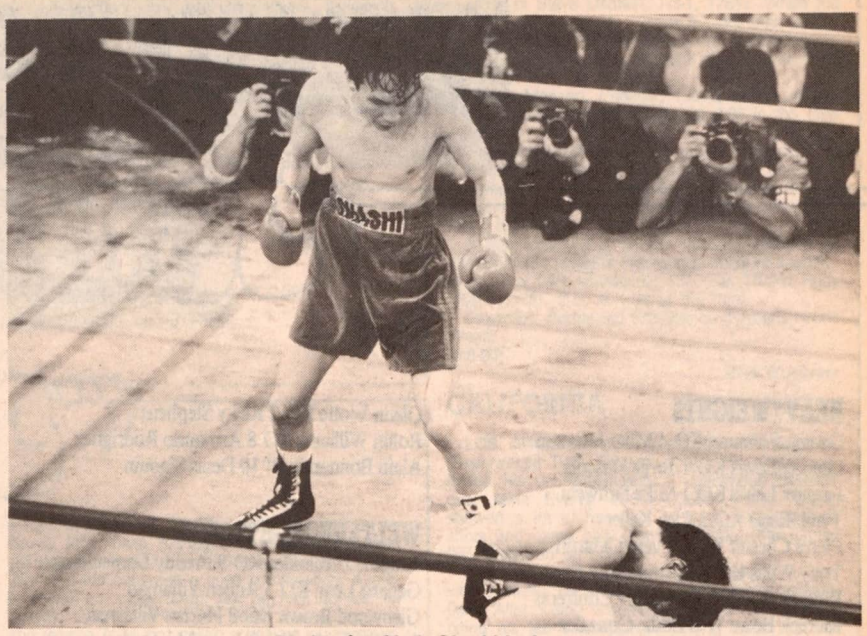
WBC witness: Edward Thangaraja (Thailand)

Promoter: Yonekura Promotions

TV: TV Asashi (not telecast in South Korea)

(2-7-90)

Joe Koizumi



No joy for Choi: Ohashi by kayo

HUMBERTO GONZALEZ-FRANCISCO TEJEDOR

MEXICO CITY—WBC light flyweight champion "Chiquita" Gonzalez turned 24 on March 25. He celebrated one day early by giving himself a present: the second successful defense of the title.

Colombia's Tejedor, 28-1 (19), arrived at the Arena Mexico rated as the top contender of the WBC and IBF. He was also rated second by the WBA. But he turned out to be no match for Gonzalez, 26-0 (20), who became the first Mexican 108-pound champion to make a successful defense.

"I had really hoped for a more difficult fight," Gonzalez said after stopping the challenger 31 seconds into round three. "I thought that Tejedor would give me more opposition, but unfortunately, it wasn't so. When I dropped him I thought that he would get up, but it didn't turn out that way."

Gonzalez opened by flicking jabs as Tejedor retreated. Midway through round one, the champion delivered a vicious left uppercut. It missed, but he would later fire it again—with different results.

Gonzalez switched to southpaw in round two, and Tejedor began to fight more bravely. He scored with some lefts, but Gonzalez remained busier, landing two- and three-punch combinations.

The end came suddenly in the third. Gonzalez, again boxing orthodox, scored with a left to the body and missed with a followup right. Then came that left uppercut, and it landed directly on the challenger's jaw. Tejedor crumpled as Gonzalez added a straight right that may or may not have landed, depending on where you were sitting.

Tejedor tried to rise by grabbing onto the ropes, but got to only one knee before collapsing again. Referee Carlos Padilla counted him out.

Juan Herrera, Tejedor's assistant trainer, initially complained that Gonzalez should have been disqualified because the punch that had kayoed Tejedor came while the challenger had sunk to one knee. However, William Chams, Tejedor's promoter, said, "The truth is that Humberto knocked him out good, with a terrible left. An illegal punch? I didn't see it; I don't believe it happened. He lost fair and square."

Gonzalez said he was happy to fight in the Federal District (where Mexico City is located), and that his next fight would likely come in Miami, on May 20 against Cuban-born Luis "Kid" Monzote.

Tejedor said he would try the flyweight ranks.

The judges were Victor Manuel Cervantes (Mexico), Horacio Castilla (Colombia), and Raul Armando Caiz (United States).

On the undercard, Gregorio "Goyo" Vargas Jr. outpointed Laura "Cura" Rodriguez over 10 dull rounds, featherweights.

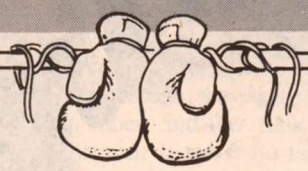
Miguel Angel Gonzalez scored a TKO at 2:43 of the fourth round over Marco Antonio "Cochorro" Ramirez in a super featherweight bout scheduled for 10 rounds. Gonzalez, a 1988 Olympian, is 10-0 (8). He scored knockdowns in the first and third rounds.

Another 1988 Olympian, Humberto "Gitano" Rodriguez, scored a second-round TKO over Federico "Patito" Renteria in a super lightweight bout scheduled for eight rounds. Rodriguez is 12-0 (12).

(3-24-90)

Bruce Williams

WORLDWIDE RESULTS



HEAVYWEIGHTS
George Foreman KO 4 Mike Jameson
Lennox Lewis KO 1 Jorge Dascola
Lennox Lewis KO 1 Mike Simwelu
Tyrell Biggs KO 2 Rick Keller
Pierre Coetzer W 10 Everett Martin
Tony Willis KO 7 Kevin Ford
Riddick Bowe KO 1 Manny Contreras
Riddick Bowe W 8 Eddie Gonzalez
Michael Greer KO 2 Kevin Poindexter
Art Tucker KO 1 Marselles Brown
Jack Johnson W 10 Dean Waters
Alex Garcia KO 1 Bill Duncan

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Daniel Netto W 8 Angelo Rottoli
Alfred Cole KO 5 Tommy Richardson
Jim MacDonald KO 2 Ken Bentley

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Michael Moorer KO 1 Mario Melo
Andrew Maynard KO 3 Art Jimmerson
Eric Nicoletta KO 3 Melvin Ricks
Anthony Hembrick W 8 Lenzi Morgan

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Thomas Hearns W 12 Michael Olajide
Antoine Byrd W 10 Tim Williams
Frank Tate KO 5 William Clayton
Ronnie Essett W 10 Charles Campbell
Carl Sullivan KO 3 Rod Carr
Marvin Mack W 10 Jerry Okoro
Dario Matteoni KO 3 Miguel Maldonado

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Nigel Benn KO 8 Doug DeWitt
Herol Graham KO 3 Ismael Negron
Reggie Johnson W 12 Sanderline Williams
James Toney KO 5 Toby Taylor
Robbie Sims W Disq. 5 Kenny Butler
Darrell Flint KO 2 Deano Clavet

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Darrin Van Horn W 8 Jake Torrance
Chris Pyatt KO 2 Daniel Sclarandi
Jorge Castro W 10 Jorge Tejada
Mario Gaston KO 5 Elio Diaz
Said Skouma W Disq. 7 Yung Kil Chung
Romolo Casamonica W 12 Santo Colombo
Troy Waters KO 9 Ronald Doo
Glenn Wolfe KO 2 Ricky Stephens
Rollin Williams KO 8 Armando Rodriguez
Alain Bonnamie W 10 Denis Sigouin

WELTERWEIGHTS
Antoine Fernandez KO 9 Freddy Demeulenaere
Genaro Leon KO 5 Ruben Villaman
Glenwood Brown KO 3 Hurlen Villarreal
Jose Bermudez KO 9 Jorge Maysonet
Luis Garcia W Disq. 8 Nino LaRocca
Miguel Arroyo W 12 Hector Hugo Vilte
Kevin Pompey W 10 Rafael Williams
Carl Daniels KO 2 Alejandro Barbosa
Carl Daniels KO 9 Anthony Bryant
Gary Jacobs KO 2 Pascal Lorcy
Russell Mitchell KO 8 Vicente Lopez
Joni Nykqnan W 10 Angel Hernandez
Robert Wangila W 6 Clarence White
Kenny Gould W 6 Verno Phillips

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Juan Coggi KO 5 Danilo Cabrera
(Non-Title Bout)
Louie Lomeli KO 2 Gary Smith
Charles Murray KO 3 Elvis Perez
Alberto Cortes KO 6 Lester Ellis
John Meekins KO 2 Joe Rivera
Harold Brazier W 12 Micky Ward
Rodney Moore KO 2 Roger Brown
Marco Antonio Lizzaraga W 12 Antonio Garcia
Antonio DeBarros KO 1 Eduardo Valdez
Vinny Burgese KO 4 Juan Torres

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Freddie Pendleton KO 2 Mario Salazar
Fabian Tejeda KO 9 Oscar Munoz
Javier Altamirano KO 3 Juan Soberanes
Aladdin Stevens W 10 Grant Messias
Dingaan Thobela KO 8 Mauricio Aceves
Mike Grow W 10 Robert Lewis
Kelcie Banks W 6 Terry Sutherland
Harpal Talhan W 12 Johnny Kalbhenn

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Mario Martinez W 10 Andres Sandoval
Bruno Rabanales D 12 Jorge Ramirez
Eugene Speed KO 3 Luis Andino
Mark Reefer KO 5 Sugar Gibiliru

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Antonio Esparragoza W 12 Chan Mok Park
(Retains WBA Title)
Maurizio Stecca W 8 Jorge Pompe
John Davison KO 5 Srikoon Narachawat
Eloy Rojas KO 4 Eak Donjadee
Kennedy McKinney KO 2 Godfrey Johnson

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Paul Banke KO 9 Daniel Zaragoza
(Wins WBC Title)
Tracy Patterson KO 8 Kenny Mitchell
Jesse Benavides KO 1 Kelvin Seabrooks
Jemal Hinton W 10 Alberto Martinez
Orlando Fernandez KO 10 Valerio Nati

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Raul Perez KO 9 Gerardo Martinez
(Retains WBC Title)
Gilberto Roman Tech. Dec. 9 Mike Phelps
Eun Sik Lee KO 1 Wongso Indrajit
Victor Rabanales KO 10 Jose Luis Vegagil

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Robert Quiroga W 12 Juan Polo
(Wins IBF Title)
Johnny Tapia KO 11 Roland Gomez
David Griman W 10 Byung Kwan Chung
Baby Sugar Rojas KO 8 Luigi Camputaro

FLYWEIGHTS
Sot Chitalada W 12 Carlos Salazar
(Retains WBC Title)
Richard Clarke W 10 Michael Parris
Dodie Penalosa W 10 Jong Kwon Park
Jonathan Penalosa KO 4 Toshio Aikawa
Kenbun Taiho W 10 Ebo Danquah
Ysaias Zamudio W 12 Javier Diaz
Ricky Romero W 12 Jose Luis Herrera

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Yuh Myung Woo W 12 Leo Gamez
(Retains WBA Title)
Muangshai Kittikasem W 12 Abdi Pohan
(Retains IBF Title)
Jose DeJesus KO 5 Ali Galvez

STRAWWEIGHTS
Bong Jung Kim Tech. Dec. 4 Silverio Barcenas
(Retains WBA Title)
Hiroki Ioka KO 9 John Ireng
Kyung Yun Lee Tech. Dec. 8 Nikki Maca

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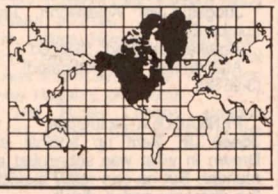

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

ARIZONA

PHOENIX—The Civic Plaza—Although he was not fighting in the main event, **Tony "The Tiger" Harrison**, 27-14-1 (20), stole the show with an inspirational victory. Harrison came back with a miraculous shot to win the USBA light heavyweight belt by stopping heralded **Vincent Boulware**, 20-4-1 (16), who had been pitching a shutout until the decisive point of impact.

The contestants were from the same physical mold, but Boulware was the stalking aggressor throughout. Boulware, the number-six IBF contender, did a workmanlike job early, and by the third round Harrison was cut on the right eye. Halfway through the scheduled 12 frames, Harrison, 174½, Oklahoma City, had been hurt at least a couple of times, and at the end of the sixth he was in deep trouble.

It was more of the same in the seventh, as Boulware, 175, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, caught Harrison on the ropes and teed off again as the round ended. Harrison's cause appeared so hopeless it seemed like bad luck for the bell to have saved him from the referee's intervention. It also seemed crazy for the doctor not to have stopped the torture after he checked Harrison between rounds, especially after Boulware walked out for the eighth and immediately scored with a right that had an impact heard throughout the hall. Referee Bobby Ferrara was seriously studying Harrison's battered eyes as the light heavyweight barely survived and tried to fight back. But by then it might have been out of either man's hands. What happened in the ninth is as close to divine intervention as boxing has ever seen.

Out of nowhere, a straight left by Harrison sent Boulware crashing into the ropes. He sat down in slow motion, and it was over. Boulware tried to rise in disbelief but stumbled backwards and fell again. The time was 2:39 of the ninth.

Harrison summed it up perfectly, saying, "It doesn't take but one punch."

The night's other "Tiger" was Tony Baltazar, 142¾, Phoenix, 34-3-1 (26). Baltazar was the card's headliner and did his share of the mauling against outgunned Pedro "The Magician" Laza, 142¾, 29-6 (11), Miami (by way of Havana). Baltazar came out from the opening bell with crisp punches. Laza countered stoically, and in the second damaged Baltazar's right eye. Baltazar never wavered or paused, however, and in the third he hurt Laza with a right that had the Floridian fighting back on unsteady legs. Laza managed to reopen Baltazar's cut eye, but Baltazar immediately returned the favor—and the cut—with a crisp combination. Another series put Laza down, but he was up just as quickly. Laza's cut was far worse than Baltazar's, and referee Al Munoz called a halt for examination. The doctor decided to let Laza take more, and Baltazar finished the round with fine lefts to the body.

Between rounds, Laza's reprieve was finalized. He wanted to continue, but it was wisely halted just before the bell for the fourth.

The evening opened with Anthony Hembrick, 178, Detroit, 12-0 (7), taking a unanimous decision from persistent Keith "Sir Jab-a-lot" McMurray, 174, Phoenix, 11-6-1 (7). Scoring: Howard Richie, 79-74, and Aaron Kizer and Mike Munoz, both 79-72. *The Ring* saw it 80-70.

Tommy "Candy Man" Clark, 166¾, was no treat for Melvin McGruder, 162, in a battle of locals. The taller Clark, 2-1 (2), blasted McGruder, 1-2, out of their set four-rounder at 2:52 of the opening frame.

Kevin Ford, 230, Long Beach, California, improved to 9-0 (9), with a first- round stoppage of Sammy Speech, 219, Philadelphia, 6-1 (3).

Manuel "Kuny" Mosquera, 134½, Los Angeles, 2-1, worked his way to a four-round unanimous decision over Rudy Holguin, 132, Lordsburg, New Mexico, 2-3 (2). Mosquera had Holguin in trouble at the end of the third from the toll of heavy body shots. Scoring: Aaron Kizer and Mike Munoz, both 40-36, and Tommie Fuller, 39-37. *The Ring* had it 49-35.

Pro football star Leroy Irvin of the Los Angeles Rams staged his third card, expanding from native California in an impressive manner. Phoenix's Steve Eisner helped with advice and local color.

Physician: Dr. Charles Howard
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
TV: USA Network
Promoter: Irvin World Productions
Attendance: 725 (sellout)
(2-22-90)

PHOENIX—The Americana Motel—**Wilfred Benitez** looked all too human, but used desire to add a positive conclusion in his return to action after 3½ years. Benitez stopped Mexican **Ariel Conde** at 1:49 of the seventh round of a scheduled 10. The thundering right cross was similar to the punch Benitez used to splatter then-WBC super welterweight champion Maurice Hope in 1981.

Up to the point of the knockout, there was very little action, and few clean punches. Benitez's glare was determined, but his face looked like the mouthpiece didn't fit right. His footwork looked weak, though his upper body looked perfectly sculpted.

Halfway into the seventh, some ringsiders had Benitez, 52-6-1 (31), behind. The fact is, he was even on two cards and up by a couple of points on the third. Then came a spectacular left "upperhook" that harshly tucked Conde into dreamland.

"We're taking it slowly," said trainer Chuck McGregor. "After the long layoff, you can't expect to see the old Benitez."

Conde's slate was unverifiable, though word was that he had lost eight in a row.

The punch of the night came from an unlikely source after a meeting of well- regarded local light heavyweights. Keith McMurray, 12-6-1, 175, took a unanimous decision that was originally announced in favor of Steve Damien, 7-3-1, 176½. When the verdict was corrected, Damien's older (and larger) brother offered congratulations to a celebrating McMurray by way of a beautiful shot that dropped the victor flat.

Chapo Monzon, Phoenix, 130½, halted Augustine Sobranes, Mexico, 133½, at 2:08 in the third round.

Two local boys recieved a tough introduction to the pro ranks as Ancee Giadon, 119, earned a majority nod over rugged Esequel Lopez, 118. If Giadon develops power, we might be hearing a lot more from him.

A fight penciled in for the unusual distance (at least in these parts) of five rounds became academic as local Luis Rodriquez, 131, 7-2, TKO'd Rudy Holguin, 131, 2-4, at 1:00 of the third.

Promoter: Southwest Promotions (formerly Kronk West).
(3-8-90)

Phil Woolever

CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES—The Great Western Forum—Heavyweight **Tony Tucker**, 243½, Big Oaks, continued his comeback with a unanimous decision over **Mike Evans**, 238½, Quail Valley. Evans showed a lot of heart as he took Tucker's best shots and came back fighting, hurting the former IBF champion on occasion.

The sixth round was the turning point for Tucker, who realized he was in a career make-or-break fight. After losing that round, Tucker rebounded, using his jab and superior boxing skills to keep Evans away. The crowd showed its displeasure by booing Tucker, 37-1, because of his failure to knock Evans out. But Evans came to win and put on a creditable effort against a world-class fighter. The judges had it 98-92 (twice), and 96-95, in a clean, well-contested fight that served as an excellent workout for Tucker. Evans dropped to 17-4-1 (11), but made plenty of new fans, including Sylvester Stallone, who was at ringside.

In the Forum super welterweight tournament, Mario Gaston, 151¾, Argentina, won a unanimous 10-round decision over Rollin Williams, 150½, Phoenix, despite bad cuts on his head and over his eye. Gaston, 22-0 (12), dominated the final round to get the decision by scores of 97-94 and 97-93 twice. Gaston could go all the way in the $225,000 tournament. The hot-and-cold Williams dropped to 18-8-1 (7).

In the best fight of the night, Gabriel Ruelas, 130, Arleta, 21-0 (12), hit Leonardo "Chango" Moreno 130¾, Los Angeles, with everything to win a six-round decision. Moreno dropped to 11-3 (8).

Rafael Ruelas, 125, Arleta, 15-0 (13), stopped Antonio Sanchez, 124½, Guadalajara, in the second round.

Dino Garza, 140, Camarillo, advanced in the super lightweight tournament after beating Daniel Garcia, 139½, Oxnard. Garza goes to 10-3 (7), and Garcia fell to 11-5-1 (6).
(3-8-90)

LOS ANGELES—The Great Western Forum—Following the cancellation of two world title fights, Zaragoza vs. Banke and Perez vs. Rubio, matchmaker Antonio Curtis was lucky to stage a card at all. **Manuel Medina**, 128½, Tijuana, defended his WBA Intercontinental junior lightweight title against **Ben "Pit Bull" Lopez**, 15-4-1. Medina completely dominated, but referee Vince Delgado stopped the fight at 2:19 of the eighth round for no apparent reason. In fact, he saved the crowd from watching any more of the boxing lession that the 18-year-old Medina was giving to Lopez, 130, Upland.

Lopez provided the lightning-fast Medina with an easy target, leading with his chin. Lopez received a small cut above his left eyebrow, and it served to encourage Medina, 32-3 (17), to keep peppering Lopez with solid combinations that convinced Delgado to bring a halt to the one-sided proceedings.

In the Forum's super welterweight tournament, Quincy Taylor, 153, Dallas, won a one-sided decision over Tomas Perez, 153, Mexico. Taylor took virtually every round, winning a unanimous decision, and he had Perez, 22-5 (13), rubber-legged several times throughout. Taylor moves ahead in the $100,000 tournament, improving to 14-1-1 (10).

Promoter: Forum Boxing Inc., Jerry Buss
Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
(3-26-90)

Michael Hepworth

CONNECTICUT

NORTH HAVEN—Ramada Inn Ballroom—Un-

beaten **Sean Malone**, 139, Wallingford, 9-0 (8), came off a 10-week layoff and registered his fifth first-round kayo, stopping **Juan Rodriguez**, Puerto Rico, in 1:37 of the first round.

Ray Pichardo, 120, Waterbury, and Adam Aviles, 115, Hartford, fought toe-to-toe through most of the route in a six-round draw in the card's best bout. Rounds of applause studded the rousing duel.

Ray Bright, 141, New Haven, outpointed Julio Torres, 144, Hartford, in six.

Carlos Vergara, 138, Hartford, stopped Juis Gomez, 134, Springfield, Massachusetts, at 1:40 of the second.

Terry Seay, 163, Hartford, halted Victor King, 164, Bridgeport, at 20 seconds of the third. Dr. James O'Brien, the ringside physician, advised that the bout be stopped after examining King's injured right eye.

Veteran boxing manager-trainer George Russo of Bridgeport was awarded a plaque for his 60th anniversary in boxing.

Promoter: R & M Promotions
Referees: Matt Mallane, John Lawson
Physician: Dr. James O'Brien
Announcer: Lou Dell
Judges: Glenn Feldman, Steve Epstein
Timer: Sereno Giarrantano
Attendance: 695
Gross: $19,335
(3-16-90)

Joseph Cassano

FLORIDA

JACKSONVILLE—Marina at St. Johns Place—**Johnny Gutierrez**, 154½, Fort Myers, 21-3-1, knocked out **Petey Hardin**, 150½, Jefferson, Tennessee, at 2:25 of the first round, scheduled for eight. Hardin is 6-2.

Rising lightweight prospect Alphonso "The Hawk" Walker, 141, Jacksonville, scored an easy eight-round unanimous decision over tough Darrin McGrew, 137¾, Mobile, Alabama. The scores were 80-72 (twice), and 79-73. Walker is 14-1-1, while McGrew slipped to 16-10.

A quartet of four-rounders (including an exhibition between heavyweights Terry Anderson, 235, Tampa, and Louie Turchiarelli, 215, Buffalo, New York) made up the remainder of this card.

Carlos Morales, 153, North Miami, was successful in his professional debut, stopping James Bartell, 159, Knoxville, Tennessee, at 1:24 of the first. Bartell fell to 4-2.

Larry Holmes protege Derrick Parks, 138¼, Easton, Pennsylvania, 2-0, knocked out Roosevelt Ed Malone, 145½, Knoxville, Tennessee, at 2:37 of the first. Malone is 4-2.

Trent Mosley, 168, Jacksonville, gained a unanimous decision over winless (0-2) Mike Shine, 162¼, Orlando. Mosley is 2-5.

Promoter: Big Time Boxing Promotions, Inc. (Phil Myers)
Referees: Telis Assimenios, Peter Bartlett
Judges: Charles VanDeBoe, Frank Skilbred, Howard Reichbach
Timekeeper: Mark Skilbred
Attendance: 450 (estimated)
(3-9-90)

MIAMI BEACH—Deco's—**Reyes Cruz**, 149, Dominican Republic, was a heavy favorite going into this scheduled 10-round fight against relatively unknown **Darrin Morris**, 150. But the 23-year-old Morris, a Detroit native who is managed by Ed Gersch and trains out of West Palm Beach, had his own ideas about how this welterweight bout should end.

Morris, 11-1-1 (5), who was considered a stylish but relatively powerless boxer, shocked the far more experienced Cruz, 40-5-2, as well as many of the ringside experts, by knocking him down three times en route to a TKO win at 1:11 of the fourth round.

"I'm no opponent," said a jubilant Morris after demolishing the man who put Hector Camacho on the canvas. "They put me in an opponent's position and I came out of it."

In a scheduled eight-round heavyweight go, 21-year-old Melton Bowen, 216, Miami, finally ran into a meaningful challenge in the form of rugged 33-year-old Mike Cohen, 211, Hilton Head, South Carolina. Although Cohen sports an unimpressive 26-15 record, he is a tough customer who gave Bowen, 16-1, 14, all the youngster wanted. Still, Cohen fell by TKO in round seven.

Phillip Jackson, 193, Miami, knocked out Gerald Brown, 190, Atlanta, at 3:08 of the first round. Brown was knocked down with 10 seconds left in the round, and couldn't beat referee Bernie Soto's count. Jackson is 10-0; Brown is 14-10.

Welterweights Anthony Martinez, 149, Miami, 7-3-2, and Clinton Mack, 148, Miami, 3-5-2, engaged in a competitive but lackluster six-rounder that ended in a draw.

Darryl Pinckney, 123, Hollywood, crashed an overhand right onto the head of Ricardo Escorcia, 128, Miami Beach, and stopped Escorcia at 46 seconds of the first round.

Osvaldo Castro, 164, Miami, 5-0, was awarded a second-round TKO over Ronald Beasley, 165, Miami, when Beasley, 5-11, failed to answer the bell for that round. It was later discovered that Beasley had broken his hand in the first frame.

John Stewart, 152, Hilton Head, South Carolina, scored a four-round majority decision over Michael Sapp, Miami. Stewart is 15-3; Sapp slipped to 7-4-1.

Promoter: Uppercut Promotions, Inc.
Referees: Eddie Eckert, Jorge Ortiz, Bernie Soto
Judges: Rick Bays, Robert Balough, Fran Boyd, Mark Streisand, Mary Mosca
Timekeeper: Sam Guralnick
Attendance: 350 (estimated)
(3-19-90)

HOMESTEAD—Tom Harris Field—When promising junior welterweight **Angel Sanchez** stepped into the ring for a scheduled 10-round bout against **Rafael Rodriguez**, the man he faced was the least of his worries. Sanchez' guts were churning as he found himself dead-center in a bitter managerial struggle that threatened to wreak havoc with his career. As a result, Sanchez came into this fight overweight, sluggish, and clearly distracted. Because of the managerial struggle, Sanchez has been training himself; he has no trainer. He runs in the mornings with his wife and works out against amateurs.

For the record, Sanchez, 144, Leisure City, stopped Rodriguez, 145, Homestead, in the fourth round when Rodriguez could not continue. Rodriguez, 9-6, told the ring doctor that his shoulder had popped out during the bout. Although he managed to pop it back into place, the pain was too much for him to fight on.

This one was no contest, as Sanchez, 11-0, dominated from the begining. The two had faced each other just last November (also a fourth-round TKO win for Sanchez), so there was little interest in this rematch between a rising star and a talented, but not very disciplined, clubfighter.

Phillip Jackson, 193, Miami, won by TKO for the second time in four days as he brutally toyed with an overmatched Jack Simon, 193, Miami, before stopping him in the second round; scheduled for eight. Jackson, 11-0 (10), has a piston-like jab that can hurt you; just ask Simon, 7-5.

Johar Abu-Lashin, 141, Miami, by way of Israel, knocked out a horribly overmatched Jose Zapete, 138, Miami, at 30 seconds of the first of a scheduled four-rounder. Abu-Lashin is 3-0 (3); Zapete is 1-3.

Juan Carlos Echezarreta, 135, Miami, stopped Jose Juis Rosario, 133, Homestead, at 1:40 of the first round of a scheduled four-rounder in a match-up of debuting lightweights.

Chet Quint, 173, Miami, had a successful but inauspicious debut against Morris Neal, 172, Florida City. Neal's record was announced as 9-0, but it was actually 0-2. He wasted no time showing the paying customers how he got that record as he went down three times in the first round from what appeared to be light shots. The end came at the 1:45 mark. Neal was rightfully suspended indefinitely for a lack of ability; he appeared to have also checked his desire at the door.

Debuting Julian Garcia, 138, Homestead, overpowered and knocked out pitiful Jerome Sanders, 140, Florida City, at 1:30 of the first. Sanders dropped to 0-2.

The only bout to go the distance was a four-rounder in which 18-year-old Dean Baldwin, 137, Dade City, scored a unanimous decision over Juan Rodriguez, 141, Homestead. Baldwin is 2-0; Rodriguez is 2-10.

Promoter: T-N-T Boxing Promotions (Johnny Torres)
Referees: Armando Garcia, Jorge Ortiz
Judges: Rick Bays, Bill Ray, Fran Body, Mark Streisand
Timekeeper: Roy Carlson
Attendance: 175 (estimated)
(3-23-90)

OCALA—Ocala Hilton—This card featured nine bouts, only one of which was scheduled for more than four rounds. In that one, **Tom Sandner**, 212½, Ocala, garnered a six-round unanimous decision (60-54 on all three cards) over gritty clubfighter **Danny Wofford**, 221, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Sandner is 9-0; Wofford is 8-8-1.

Kurt Haney, 157¼, New Port Richey, took a unanimous decision over debuting Richie Smith, 158½, Miami. Haney is 3-0.

George Young III, 117, Catskill, New York, evened his slate at 2-2 with a unanimous decision win over debuting Donald Gomez, 120, Miami.

Agustin Silva, 132½, Puerto Rico, won a majority decision over Israel Camacho, 131½, Hollywood. Silva is 1-1; Camacho, the nephew of Hector Camacho, is having trouble getting his pro career in gear. He slid to 0-1-1.

Vale Payton, 204, Miami, fell victim to the punches of Michael Harris, 195, St. Petersburg, at 1:17 of the second round. Harris moved to 3-0; Payton dropped to 1-1.

Clinton Mack, 151, Miami, scored a TKO over previously unbeaten (4-0) Ben Klingenstein, 147½, Homosassa Springs, at 2:25 of the second.

Debuting Hudson Jean Claude, 156½, Miami, stopped D. Ryan Setzer, 154½,. Miami, at 2:37 of the second round. Setzer is 0-2.

Wayne Howard, 221, Yonkers, New York, was also successful in his professional debut as he TKO'd Isaac Poole, 226, Miami, at 27 seconds of the second. Poole is 0-3.

Alton Gray, 140½, Catskill, New York, upped his record to 2-1 with a unanimous decision over debuting George Kellman, 139½, Miami.

Promoter: Alessi Promotions, Inc.
Referees: Frank Santore, Peter Bartlett
Judges: Jim Aylesworth, Frank Skilbred, Al Lombardi
Timekeeper: Mark Skilbred
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(3-25-90)

PENSACOLA—Interstate Fairgrounds—**Roy Jones Jr.** went up against experienced **Knox Brown** in what was scheduled as Jones' first 10-rounder. But no one really expected this one to go the distance, and it didn't.

While the 31-year-old Brown is very experienced, he is also very limited, and, at this point, very shot. He has been stopped by John Mugabi, Michael Olajide, and now, by Jones, 159¼, Pensacola. Jones, 7-0 (7), stopped Brown, 157½, Germantown, Tennessee, at 2:20 of the third round. Brown is 39-18.

Gavin Goleman, 143, Theodore, Alabama, 8-4, won an eight-round unanimous decision over Daron Dale, 141, Pensacola, 5-5-1.

David Sewell, 171, Pensacola, 6-0, knocked out Tyrone Powell, 162, Kenner, Louisiana, 9-5, at 46 seconds of the fifth; scheduled for eight.

Billy Thomas, 131, Pensacola, 7-2, won a six-round unanimous decision over Paul Dewberry, 136, Mobile, Alabama, 15-6.

Arthur Williams, 196¼, Pensacola, 3-0, kayoed Anthony Jay Harris, 181¼, Knoxville, Tennessee, 2-3, at 1:36 of the first.

Rick Bynum, 137, Pensacola, knocked out Andre Thompson, 134, Knoxville, Tennessee, at 1:46 of the third in a matchup of debuting lightweights.
Promoter: Square Ring, Inc.
Referees: Frank Santore, Tom Kimmons, Larry Fountain
Judges: John Walker, Frank Barberi, Thomas Vincent
Timekeeper: Dick Howroyd
Attendance: 1,100 (estimated)
(3-28-90)

Ken Knox

GEORGIA

ROME—Memorial Gym—Boxing returned to his community after a 20-year absence. In the main event, **Lee Forturne** met **Melvyn Wynn** in a 10-round middleweight bout. Wynn was the more active fighter, taking the early rounds. Fortune seemed tight, and couldn't get his punches off.

Fortune started to find the mark in the fourth, and staggered Wynn in the fifth. The end came in the sixth, after a series of body shots hurt Wynn. Fortune, 11-0 (8), nailed him with a left hook to the jaw, and Wynn went down for the count. Wynn, who blames this knockout loss on a 2½-year layoff, fell to 12-3.

In an exciting six-round semifinal, veteran light heavyweight Ricky Stackhouse, 20-9, took the fight to Kenneth Bentley, Chattanooga, who spent most of the last rounds against the ropes. In spite of a long layoff, Stackhouse looked sharp; his punches were crisp and accurate, and it looks as if he has plenty of gas left in the tank. Scoring was 60-54, 59-55, and 59-57.

In a series of four-rounders: Eddie Smith, Atlanta, used his height and reach advantage to win an unanimous decision over over Billy Dupree, Rome, in an exciting bout.

In a closely matched cruiserweight bout, Ken

"The Bull" Atkins, 6-1, lived up to his name by charging John Soderman, Los Angeles, in a very active fight. Atkins' early body attack proved to be the difference, as it took the starch out of Soderman, 3-1.

Ben Hansard, Rome, looked impressive in his pro debut, stopping Mark Hammer, Smyrna, Tennessee, by TKO in the second round of their light heavyweight bout. Hammer was down twice as the result of lethal body punches before the referee stopped the action.

Veteran light heavyweight Al Fracker, Atlanta, 13-5, defeated Black Mohammed, Atlanta, who punched, grabbed, and ran throughout the fight. The judges gave the nod to Fracker.

Promoter: Seven Hills Promotion (Ronnie Stansberry)
Attendance: 1,100 (estimated)
(2-24-90)

David Mott

IDAHO

LEWISTON——Michael Grow, 139, Lewiston, won a unanimous 10-round decision over **Manuel Arce**, 141, Carson City.

The prelims all ended by first-round stoppage.

Richard Jarvis, 167 Carson City, kayoed Doug Holiman, 167, Portland, at 2:34.

John Hagan, 234, Gabbs, Nevada, decked Montana's Bill Pate, 216, *seven* seconds into the first round, and Pate was tolled out at the 17-second mark. The bout was Hagan's pro debut.

David Carrillo, 139, Hines, Oregon, stopped Bullmaro Lamas, 141, Carson City, at 2:20 of the first heat.
Attendance: 700 (estimated)
(3-15-90)

Ed Walsh

INDIANA

SOUTH BEND—Century Center—The IBF's seventh-ranked junior welterweight, **Harold Brazier**, 145, South Bend, displayed his world-class skills to his hometown fans, stopping a game **Keheven Johnson**, 150, Tulsa, Oklahoma, at 1:21 of the sixth.

The first two rounds were the typical feeling-out stanzas. In the third round, Brazier started to dominate, and he floored Johnson in the fourth. Johnson was on the canvas twice in round five before the finish in the sixth.

Brazier is the IBF Inter-Continental 140-pound champion but did not have his title on line.

Norman "Psycho" Bates, 141, Elkhart, won a unanimous eight-round decision over hard-hitting Bobby Brown, 143, Memphis. This was an action-packed bout with Bates' speed giving him the edge in all eight rounds. All three judges scored the contest 80-72.

Marty Jakubowski, 140, Whiting, counterpunched beautifully to win a unanimous decision over Rocky Vires, 143, Oklkahoma City. Vires was floored in the sixth and final round.

Mike Arrington, 135, South Bend, won a four-round unanimous decision over Hector Ramires, 137, Columbus.

Notre Dame's Andy Penili, 207, South Bend, decisioned "Schoolboy" Jimmy Baker, 198, Scottsburg, over four rounds.

Promoter: Fred Berns
Matchmaker: Pete Susens
Referees: Bill Vaughn, Sean Curtin
Judges: Fred Jones, Pete Podgorski, Gary Merritt
Timekeepers: Virgil Strauss, Bill West
Attendance: 800 (estimated)
(3-7-90)

INDIANAPOLIS—Sherwood Club—Rangy **Terry Thomas**, 149½, Lafayette, won an eight-round unanimous decision over rugged **Tim Payton**, 158, Louisville, Kentucky. As in most of his fights, Thomas had too much hand and foot speed for his opponent. Thomas dominated from the outside and held his own when Payton did get inside. The scores, all for Thomas, were 80-73 (twice), and 80-72.

Shannon Landberg, 161, Lafayette, was very impressive with a third-round TKO over Anthony Campbell, 166, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Tim Bryan, 162, New Palestine, TKO'd Billy Preston, 166, Oklahoma City, at 55 seconds of the second.

Mike Pollitt, 170, New Lisbon, won a six-round unanimous decision over David Robinson, 176, Oklahoma City.

Terry Armstrong, 243, Cincinnati, kayoed Rodney Bolden, 208, Louisville, at 1:08 of the second stanza.

Movie actor and ex-heavyweight contender Randall "Tex" Cobb, was in attendance.

Promoter: Fred Berns
Matchmaker: Pete Susens
Referees: Bill Vaughn, George DeFabis
Judges: Mike Kelley, Mike Sergi, Gary Merritt
Timekeepers: Ellie DeFabis, Fred Jones
Ring Announcer: Stu Goldner
Attendance: 550 (estimated)
(3-13-90)

Gary L. Merritt

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE—Teamsters Hall—The main event was scheduled for only six rounds because last-minute replacement **Andre Hazlewood**, 151, Baltimore, was going up against Maryland's state junior welterweight champ, **Eddie Van Kirk**, 144, Baltimore, and the Commissiion felt that since Hazlewood had only five fights, he wouldn't be able to go longer. And they were right.

Van Kirk, 20-6, needed just 1:55 of the second round to knock out the completely outmatched Hazlewood, 2-3-1. It didn't take long for Van Kirk's right to find its mark on his taller, lankier opponent.

Van Kirk's last bout was a fifth-round loss to Vinnie Pazienza in Rhode Island, in which Hector Camacho was in attendance scouting Pazienza for their "Put Up Or Shut Up" match. "Camacho came up to me after that fight and said that I hit very, very hard, you just need movement," Van Kirk said. "I want to work on my angles, punching from angles. That's how I hurt Paz when I punched from angles. I hit hard and when I punch from angles I hit harder."

Lyndon Paul Walker, 137, Washington, D.C., raised his record to 4-2-1 with a fourth-round TKO victory over Tony White, 142, Durham, North Carolina, 4-2, in a scheduled six. Referee: Frank Kelly.

Jake "The Snake" Smith, 174, Arbutua, 3-1-1, fought to a four-round draw in a dull affair against Kelly Bell, 173¼, Pittsburgh, 1-0-1.

A totally inside affair along the ropes with surprisingly little holding made for a somewhat pleasing four-round heavyweight struggle between Butch Kelly, 202½, Brooklyn Park, and James "Zeke" Thompson, 189, Washington, D.C. The split decision went to Thompson, 2-1. Kelly is 4-2.

In a light heavyweight bout, Greg Linver, 179, Pittsburgh, and Cliff "The Hammer" McPherson, 179, Glen Burnie, Maryland, took turns exchanging combinations. Linver, 1-2, won a four-round unanimous decision with stronger shots to the head. McPherson was making his debut. Referee: Larry Barrett.

Gerry Walker, 1-3, knocked out Mike Williams, 160, Baltimore, 0-5, at 2:55 of the first round in a scheduled four. After referee Karl Milligan clearly counted him out, Williams decided to fight, and hit Walker, 161, Baltimore. Mayhem followed, and the referee brought them together to shake hands. Again Williams cold-cocked Walker. Still upset, Williams kayoed the door to the dressing room.

Promoter: Round 1 Promotions, Vicki Savaliski
Matchmakers: Danny Kisner, Josh Hall
Ring Announcer: Tony Baldoni
Timekeeper: Harry Cecchini
Judges: Karl Milligan, Larry Barrett, Milton Greene, Ray Klingmeyer, Terry Moore, Frank Kelly
Attendance: 800 (estimated)
(3-30-90)

Fred Blumstein

MASSACHUSETTS

TAUNTON—Roseland Ballroom—Persistent low blows (along with a few head butts) earned **Kenny Butler**, 21-7 (12), a fifth-round disqualification in his challenge of **Robbie Sims**, 159, Brockton. After a torrid start, Butler, 159½, Dorchester, coming off a three-year layoff, had found his gas tank empty by the third round of the scheduled 10-rounder.

Sims was teeing off and pummeling him around the ring, Butler's exit was imminent, and the disqualification merely allowed him to finish on his feet. Both men earned $1,000.

"He butted me all night—look at the eggs on my head—so I had to do something to retaliate," Butler said, displaying reddened bumps on his receding scalpline. "I wasn't going to be intimidated on his turf. I did what I had to do."

Sims, 31-7-2 (23), laughed off that version. "Butler was coming in with his head as much as I was," he said. "Mine weren't intentional, but his definitely were intentional. I've been hit there by the best—Roberto Duran—so it didn't bother me. I thought I had him a couple of times on the ropes, but he

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kept coming back in flurries. My strategy was to take it to him, but I couldn't finish him."

The New England welterweight title fight carried a similar purse of $1,000 for both combatants, but the action was one-sided. Defending champ Brian Powers, 147, Holbrook, 10-0-1 (4), was all over Norwalk, Connecticut's Junior Rodriguez, 142, 9-7- (2), and stopped him at 1:42 of the ninth round.

A scheduled six-rounder ended in the second stanza, when Francisco "The Cisco Kid" Martinez, 156, Lowell, 9-0, stopped Tony Rivera, 158½.

Three four-rounders opened the program. Heavyweight Kilbert Pierce, 250, Brockton, 2-0 (1), wore down and finally stopped frisky Marvin Tillman, 187, Stamford, Connecticut, 0-1, halfway through the final frame.

Boston's Sean Jones, 199, broke into the win column with a workmanlike decision over debuting Munroe DeMingo, 220, Providence. All three scorecards read 40-36. Jones is 1-2.

The first bout was also the best. Steve Manfredo, 158, Providence, Rhode Island, had just a bit more boxing ability than slugging Mike Bonislawski, 159, Somerville. After a four-round blitz that left both pugs bloody, Manfredo eked out a majority decision to improve to 10-2-1 (3), while the game Bonislawski fell to 3-6-1.

Referees: Dick Flaherty and Gerry Leone
Attendance: 890
Gross: $13,350
Promoters: Goodwin A.C., Al Valenti
(4-13-90)

Jay N. Miller

MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS—Hyatt Regency Hotel—In the co-main event, **Young Joe Louis**, Chicago, returned for his first fight since 1987 and won an aggressive 10-round unanimous decision over trial-horse **Danny Blake**, Milwaukee, in a cruiserweight match. Louis (Eddie Taylor) is 29-8-1; Blake is 10-29-6.

St. Paul heavyweight Rick "Rocky" Sekorski returned after 15 months off due to eye problems and had little trouble taking a 10-round verdict over Rick "King Kong" Keller, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Sekorski is 23-9; Keller, 15-25-2.

James Lee Smith, Minneapolis, 2-0, kayoed Jeff May, Milwaukee, 1-6, in the second round of a heavyweight battle.

Heavyweight Terry Ray, Terre Haute, Indiana, captured a four-round decision over Derrick Brown, Minneapolis, 1-1.

Junior welterweight Cortez Box, Minneapolis, made his pro debut by kayoing Tim Johnson, Minneapolis, 1-3, in four.

Clarence Gause, Madison, Wisconsin, knocked out Joe Lipsey, Springfield, Illinois, in the second round.

Terry Ford, Racine, 4-1-0, kayoed pro starter Remuse Caffe, Madison, Wisconsin, in the first round of a junior welterweight match.

Notes: St. Paul heavyweight Rick Nelson, 34, passed away of natural causes in St. Paul on March 21. As a pro, Nelson was 7-4-1 with 6 kayoes.

Promoter: Gala Promotions (Kevin Ziegler)
Matchmaker: Joe Daszkeiwicz
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(3-20-90)

George D. Blair

MISSOURI

ST. LOUIS—Clarion Hotel—**Art Jimmerson**, 173½, St. Louis, main evented, and his fans weren't enthusiastic about his performance against **Randy Smith**, 170½, Chicago. But a win's a win, and the former world-ranked light heavyweight was satisfied to continue his comeback with another victory.

"I knew I won," Jimmerson said after the judges gave him the 10-round bout by scores of 99-91, 98-93, and 100-89. "This opponent was real tough; I couldn't get a clean shot at him. I had to keep pacing myself. He's a strong kid."

It was the second victory in less than a month for Jimmerson, 14-4 (5); Smith is 18-16.

In the semi-main event, Sylvester "Red Bomber" Kennon, 135, St. Louis, lost a unanimous decision to Brian Brown, 136, Evansville, Indiana, in an eight-round lightweight duel. The judges had it 77-75 (twice), and 79-75 for Brown, 19-5; Kennon dropped to 26-13.

The highlight of the night came when Carl "The Squirrel" Daniels, 147¼, St. Louis, scored a TKO at 58 seconds of the eighth over Reese Smith, 146, Nashville, Tennessee, in an eight-round welterweight contest. Daniels is 15-0 (10); Smith is 12-9-2.

James "Hooks" Williamson, 165, St. Louis, 11-3 (6), won a unanimous six-round decision over Danny Thomas, 162, Evansville, 6-6.

Roy Richie, 169, St. Louis, TKO'd Gary Thomas, 165¼, Evansville, at 1:13 of the fourth round; super middleweights. Richie is 4-0; Thomas is 4-6.

Stanley Lee, 165, St. Louis, 2-0, won a unanimous four-round decision over John Moore, 167, 5-4.

Steve Young, 127, St. Louis, scored a second-round TKO over Billy Outlet, 126¾, Nashville, Tennessee. Young is 4-0; Outlet is 4-4-1.

Attendance: 800 (estimated)
(3-9-90)

Brent Williams

MONTANA

BUTTE—Davey Montana, 151, Reno ended a long layoff by making short work of **John Welters**, 149, Denver. Welters was knocked down four times before the bout was waved over at 1:50 of the second frame.

Heavyweight prospect Joe Hipp, 228, Yakima, belted out Salt Lake City's Veti Katoa, 223, at 2:16 of the third.

Local favorite Matt LeCoure, 128, knocked out Denver newcomer Danny Sallee, 127, at 3:04 of the first round.

Tony Martinez, 145, Ogden, 3-0, was impressive with a fifth-round TKO over Calgary's Gordy Hannah, 143.

Edith Duran won a four-round decision over Dana Emerson in a woman's match.

Promoter: Stallion Promotions
Referees: Kevin McCarl, Mick O'Brian
Attendance: 450 (estimated)
(3-16-90)

Ed Walsh

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS—Dunes Hotel and Country Club—**Greg Haugen** hadn't even reached his dressing room after his 10th-round TKO win over **Memo Cruz**, 140, Mexico City, before he started talking about a rubber match with Vinny Pazienza.

Haugen, 140, improved to 24-2-1 (12), relying on an accurate jab to outpunch the overmatched 21-year-old part-time policeman Cruz, 17-4 (14), by a 3-1 ratio. It wasn't a bad effort for Haugen, in his first outing since he lost a 12-round decision, and his 135-pound title, to Pernell Whitaker 13 monnths ago.

The former champion dictated the tempo of the 10-round main event almost from the begining, steadily backing up Cruz with combinations to the head and body. The game Mexican's left eye began to swell in the sixth round and was nearly closed the ninth.

Coming out in the 10th round, Haugen shook Cruz down to his ankles with a big left-right. Haugen follwed up with a five-punch volley that sent the Mexican reeling into the ropes. Referee Carlos Padilla quickly stepped in to end the bout with 1:59 left in the fight.

"I'd rather fight Pazienza in Vegas, because the last two times I went east. But wherever we meet, it will draw people. Of couse, the money has to be right," Haugen said. "I want to fight a couple of more years, but I want to get one more title shot before I quit . . . I'll stay at 135, and maybe in two or three fights, the big one will come along . . . I'll admit Cruz took some big punches. He was tough. I feel I was too tentative; I'll have to get sharper with my punches, but it sure feels good to be back in action again."

In one of the night's best fights, Eduardo Cruz, 146, Mexico City, the younger brother of the main event's loser, rebounded from a first-round knockdown to score a fifth-round TKO over Vincente Lopez, 146, Los Angeles, in a scheduled eight-round matchup. Cruz improved to 19-0 (19); Lopez dropped to 12-2 (9).

Nick Rupa, 148, Virginia Beach, 9-0 (3), won a unanimous six-round decision over Leroy Owens, 150, Las Vegas, 8-3-2 (3).

Tim Littles, 163, Flint, Michigan, stopped Mike Serr, 163, El Paso, Texas, at 2:16 fo the fourth round. Little is 3-0 (3); Serr skidded to 2-5.

Manuel Mosqueda, 139, Las Vegas, 3-0, won a four-round unanimous decision over Miguel Torrez, 135, El Paso, 2-3.

Promoter: Main Events Inc.
Television: SportsChannel America
(3-10-90)

LAS VEGAS—Bally's Resort Casino—**Roger Mayweather**, Las Vegas, captured the WBA's Americas super lightweight title with a near-shutout 12-round decision over Caracas' **Idelmar Paisan**.

Mayweather, 36-6 (24), relied on a steady left jab to produce lopsided margins from three Las Vegas judges: Cindi Bartin-Hunter, 120-107, Chuck Giampa, 119-108, and Art Lurie, 118-109.

In an eight-rounder, Joe Lasisi, 170, Nigeria, decisioned Keith McMurray, 176, Phoenix. Lasisi is 24-1 (21); McMurray is 12-7-1 (7).

Nate Houser, 176, Los Angeles, 14-2 (6), won a six-round decision over Guy Sonnenberg, 177, Las Vegas, 7-4-2 (5).

Jeff McCracken, 175, Las Vegas, 23-8 (13), outlasted Scott Fusoi, 180, Tucson, for a unanimous four-round decision. Fusoi is 5-2-2.

Donald Townsend, 134, Las Vegas, had an easy time winning a four-round decision over Joe Onofre, 135, Las Vegas. Townsend is 1-1; Onofre is 0-3.

Irish Sean McClain, 200, Las Vegas, 11-2 (10), overwhelmed Aaron Brown, 211, Oklahoma City, 14-22 (9), to score a TKO at 1:08 of the second round.

Attendance: 15,500
Television: ESPN
(4-5-90)

LAS VEGAS—Las Vegas Hilton—**Troy Dorsey** doesn't know how long he might have to wait, but with his TKO victory over former WBA bantamweight champion **Bernardo Pinango**, the rugged Texan proved he is ready for another crack at somebody's world featherweight title.

Dorsey, 126, Dallas, the NABF featherweight champion, made his second straight impressive showing when he stopped Pinango with double knockdowns in the eighth round in the scheduled 10-round semi-windup to Jorge Paez's 12-round split decision victory over Louie Espinoza for the IBF-WBO featherweight laurels.

Dorsey, 12-2-2 (8), and manager Dave Gorman are clamoring for a rematch with Paez after the latter gained a controversial 12-round split decision February 4th. Pinango, 24-5-3 (15), never really got tracked, usually throwing one punch at a time to win only the seventh round. Referee: Carlos Padilla.

In another featherweight 10-rounder, Joe Orewa, 123, Los Angeles, delivered a steady offense to win a unanimous verdict over former world champion Juan "Dinamita" Estrada, 124½, Tijuana, Mexico. Orewa took Estrada's best shots while controlling the action to improve to 17-4 (12). Estrada, former WBA junior featherweight champion, is 36-9 (30).

Dave Dixon, 225, Los Angeles, dropped Kevin Rozier, 263, Las Vegas, three times before winning via TKO at 1:05 of the first round. Dixon is 4-0 (1); Rozier is 2-3.

Jeff Mayweather, 135, Las Vegas, is 12-0 (2) after taking a unanimous six-round decision over Ramon Zavala, 135, Los Angeles. Zavala is 11-3.

David Sample, 134, Las Vegas, stopped Martin Gallegos, 134, Los Angeles, at 1:13 of the second round. Sample is 4-0 (1); Gallegos is 4-2-1 (1).

Jorge Roman, 110, Mexicali, Mexico, and Eddie Nunez, 110, Tijuana, Mexico, fought to a four-round draw. Roman is 9-2-1; Nunez is 17-6-1.
(4-7-90)

Jack Welsh

NEW JERSEY

ATLANTIC CITY—Showboat Hotel and Casino—Former IBF light heavyweight champion **Bobby Czyz**, on the comeback trail—for the second time—took on a ranked contender in **Uriah "The Boss" Grant**, 180, Miami, instead of the usual pushover opponent.

Czyz, 179, Wanaque, dominated the first eight rounds of the scheduled 10-rounder. He showed good movement, made Grant miss frequently, utilized his left hand, and landed the stiffer punches. Occasionally, Czyz found himself fighting off the ropes when the taller Grant came in low backing him up.

Midway through the ninth round, Grant connected with a big right that hurt the former champion. Grant followed up with combinations that snapped Czyz' head back several times. Using his experience, Czyz miraculously—and literally—held on to survive the round. Al Bonnani, Grant's manager, complained that referee Rudy Battle should have stopped the fight at this point. "If this was Florida, the fight would have been over," he said.

In the 10th, another chapter in the book of boxing controversy unfolded when without warning (i.e., no customary 10-second warning) the bell mysteriously sounded at the two-minute mark. Czyz, saved by the bell, was in big trouble as the revitalized Grant, 17-8 (16), had taken advantage of his opportunity and was coming on strong. However, to

Czyz' credit, he was doing a masterful job of holding and tying up.

Czyz, 36-5 (24), wearing the customary sunglasses to camouflage his badly swollen right eye, said, "I did something that over the years my pride had not allowed me to do, and that's hold. After things started to get a little too good, I got a little arrogant and let my hands come down and I ran into one. I got a little Muhammed Ali-ish."

Judges Frank J. Cairo, Jean Williams, and Jim Condin gave the decision to Czyz, 97-93, 95-94, and 96-94, respectively.

Bonnani filed a protest with the New Jersey State Athletic Control Board over the time shortage of the final round.

Muscular Bruce "The Atlantic City Express" Seldon, 225, improved to 11-0 (10), with a TKO over switch-hitting Jerry Jones, 214, Baltimore, at 42 seconds of the eighth and final round. Referee Arthur Mercante Sr., didn't bother to count and correctly waved it off. Jones fell to 7-3 (5).

Anthony "Rock Baby" Greene, 147, Cleveland, stopped Anthony "Doc" Ross, 148, Alexandria, Virginia, at 2:18 of the fourth round. Greene stayed undefeated at 6-0, (5), while Ross evened to 5-5 (4).

In a close four-round middleweight battle, Kelvin Prather, 160, Albany, New York, won a majority decision over Greg Robinson, 158½, Philadelphia. Prather, with Kevin Rooney in his corner, improved to 2-1, while Robinson dropped to 1-2. Referee: Battle.

Two promising lightweights, John "The Beast from the East" Brown, 135, Atlantic City, and Anthony "The Terminator" Suggs, 136, Alexandria, Virginia, fought a well-matched, fast-paced four-rounder in which Brown, 4-1 (1), won a unanimous decision over the southpaw Suggs, 3-1 (2). Referee: Battle.

Keith Providence, 172, Bronx, landed punches at will on Kertis "KO" Mingo, 170, Charlotte, North Carolina, when referee Arthur Mercante mercifully stopped the action at 1:04 of the first round. Providence stayed undefeated at 6-0-1 (5); Mingo dropped to 3-2 (1).

Promoter: Top Rank Inc./Frank Gelb
Matchmaker: Ron Katz
Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert
Attendance: 1,850 (estimated)
Ring Announcer: Michael Buffer
TV: ESPN
(3-23-90)

Fred Blumstein

ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Plaza—Catching **Luis Santana** at the right time helped **Glenwood Brown** turn an expected routine win into an eye-catcher. Brown 147, Plainfield, added the vacant USBA welter crown to his WBA Intercontinental, when he stopped the durable veteran, 147, Los Angeles, at 2:46 of the eighth of a scheduled 12.

Brown 28-1 (21), built an early lead by boxing carefully and showing good side-to-side movement as Santana followed him dutifully around. When an opening came, Brown jumped right in. His shifty movement caught Santana out of position, as he turned to meet a left hook that sent him to the floor. After Santana rose, Brown sent him reeling across the ring and into the ropes, where another left hook turned him halfway around. Santana's whole body seemed to go limp in surrender, and referee Rafael Ramos wisely stopped the bout. Santana is 36-12-2 (28).

Merqui Sosa, 160, Brooklyn, didn't bother with any precautions in grabbing the vacant WBA Americas middleweight crown. Sosa, 16-0 (13), knocked out a stunned Jose Quinones, 160, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, in the first round. Punching from angles that Euclid couldn't figure out, Sosa doubled him over with body shots, and ended it with a right that put Quinones, 24-12-2 (20), down for good.

James "Bonecrusher" Smith, 239, Magnolia, North Carolina, halted Manuel Clay de Almeida, 221, Sao Paulo, Brazil, after six of a scheduled 10. Smith is 23-8-1 (18); Almeida is 20-11-3 (5). Referee: Arthur Mercante Sr.

Riddick Bowe, 229, Brooklyn, managed another deceptively good effort, stopping Mike Robinson, 212, Saratoga, New York, at 1:58 of the third.

In a six-round bout, "Poison" Junior Jones, 118, Brooklyn, turned in an excellent performance, beating another solid prospect in Angel Gonzalez, 118, Hartford, by unanimous decision. The game Gonzalez was dropped in the first, and only managed to go the distance, as Poison outclassed him. Referee: Mercante Sr.

Jade Scott, 180, Brooklyn, survived an ambitious first round from Barrington White, 186, St. Andrew, Jamaica, via Camden, to win a unanimous four-round decision. Referee: Mercante Sr.

Peiro Severini, 148, Pisciotta, Italy, via Brooklyn, showed good fundamental boxing and a snappy one-two in winning a convincing unanimous verdict over stubborn Marvin Lewis, 144, New York City. Referee: Mercante Sr.

Sean Knight, 136, Yonkers, TKO'd Randy Kearse, 136, Brooklyn, at 2:11 of the third.

Promoter: Madison Square Garden Boxing
Matchmakers: Bobby Goodman, Pat Fleming
Attendance: 900 (estimated)
TV: MSG Cable
Judges (undercard): John Stewart, Joe Pasquale, Eva Shain
Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert
Announcer: Ed Derian
(2-20-90)

ATLANTIC CITY—Anytime Carl "The Truth" Williams is scheduled, there'd better be a backup waiting in the wings, just in case. When the finicky heavyweight prima dona fell out for the umpteenth time, his headline-catcher with Tyrell Biggs at the Trump Plaza had to be scratched and replaced by the more modest **Dennis Milton-Jose Duran Martinez** confrontation. Milton, 158½, Bronx, won the unanimous verdict over Martinez, 154, Bayamon, Puerto Rico, in a 10 that was undistinguished. After years in obscurity, the once-highly touted amateur Milton had gained some marquee value with the brouhaha over the Olajide robbery. But the party was quickly over when Martinez sneaked him onto the canvas with a surprise left in the first. Milton was confused by Duran's southpaw stance, got his feet crossed trying to dodge a rush, and was ignominously dumped.

Following the knockdown, Milton appeared tense and cautious, but still initiated what action there was. Martinez limited himself to opportune countering, but did little to create those opportunities. Milton's worries were increased when he suffered a cut left eye in the third. Martinez found himself on the floor at the end of the fourth, but referee Frank Cappuccino didn't rule a knockdown. A wild left stopped Milton in his tracks in the sixth, but nothing followed. The tediumn finally began to open up a bit in the final two, with Milton in control and Duran, 16-2-1 (9), beginning to frazzle. Still, the Puerto Rican seemed surprised at the scores (97-94 from Al DeVito; 97-92 from Eugene Grant; 96-95 from Rocky Castellani).

The winner admitted, "I didn't look my best, but I figured that this guy didn't come to fight me. It takes two to make a rumble, but he was awkward."

Sharmba Mitchell, 136½, Washington, D.C., won a unanimous verdict over Rafael "Bazooka" Limon, 138, Mexico City, eight. Yes, Bazooka Limon, reduced to an eight-round cameo appearance. Switching southpaw to match his opponent, Bazooka's offense consisted of extending his right hand in a come-hither gesture. While not able to avoid getting hit, the veteran was able to at least keep from being hurt, as he laughed and clowned his way through the distance. Referee: Paul Venti.

Most of the evening's action was provided when Billy Bridges, 159, Lincolnton, North Carolina, survived a sxith-round knockdown to win a unanimous eight-round decision over stubborn William McDonald, 155¾, Chicago.

Scoring: Grant, 77-74; DeVito, 78-74; Castellani, 79-73. Referee: Cappuccino.

Ricky Meyers, 140, Port Reading, New Jersey, blew out hapless Greg Keys, 143, Baltimore, who was overrun, dropped twice, and kayoed at 1:20 of the first, scheduled four. Referee: Cappuccino.

Southpaw Lonnie Davis, 160½, New York City, won a unanimous decision over Tyrone Toliver, 157, Trenton, in an uneventful four. Referee: Venti.

Promoter: Frank Gelb (Gelb Productions, Inc.)
Matchmaker: Bob Mittleman
Attendance: 650 (estimated)
TV: USA Network
Timekeeper: Art Spell
Announcer: Ed Derian
(3-8-90)

NEWARK—Essex County College—**Mike "The Bounty" Hunter**, 193, Greenville, South Carolina, via Las Vegas, garnered the vacant WBA Intercontinental cruiserweight crown with a unanimous decision over **Dwight Muhammad Qawi**, 194, Camden, 12.

Qawi was dead serious, but his ponderous, blue collar attack didn't mesh with an opponent who woudn't stand and trade. Hunter exhibited something for the purists in the early rounds, as he rolled inside Qawi's ambitious swings to take almost everything on the back of his shoulders. Hunter was able to completely smother the one-time "Camden Buzzsaw" on the inside, and flicked out short hooks enough to get off to a quick start.

A boring pattern soon developed as Hunter flicked his jab, while Qwai laboriously puffed in vain

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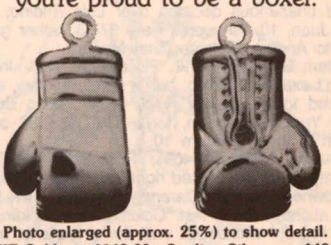

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pursuit. Judge Rich Strange scored 119-109; Vinnie Rainone, 117-111; Eva Shain, a perceptive 116-112. Tony Orlando refereed.

"I just felt flat," offered Qawi, falling to 32-8-1 (18). "I could get in to do what I wanted, but I just couldn't pull it off. I have no excuses, but I just had no legs, and my punches weren't there." Hunter is 14-2-2 (5).

In a bout that had a lot more motion, but not a heck of a lot more effective punching, Gino Gelormino, 130, Levittown, Long Island, won a lopsided unanimous decision over Luis Andino, 131, San Juan, 10. All scores were 97-93, rather generous to Andino. Referee: Earl Morton.

Adam Garland, 170¼, Piscataway, New Jersey, wasn't exactly dazzling, but at least effective, as he bopped tough Wesley Reid, 167¼, Long Beach, New York, via Boston, for a TKO at 2:32 of the fourth in the co-feature 10.

Charles Murray, 140¾, Rochester via Essex County, honing a wicked right hand that comes out of nowhere, kayoed Clarence Coleman, 141, Newark, at 2:59 of the first. Coleman was holding his own in solid exchanges until the single shot buried him.

Joe Gatti, 158, Montreal via Jersey City, hammered Perris Christian, 158, Brooklyn, without letup, until referee Orlando stopped the scheduled six at 2:25 of the first.

Juan Negron, 128¼, Newark, turned in a good effort, blitzing tough Genaro Andujar, 130, Bronx, for a TKO at 1:22 of the second, scheduled four.

Ron Morgan, 154¾, Huntington, Long Island, TKO'd Mike Hooger, 153, Irvington, dropping him twice with a booming right, and finished him at 1:31 of the fourth and final round of a good scrap.

Promoters: Madison Square Garden Boxing & Murad Muhammad (3M Promotions)
Matchmakers: Bobby Goodman, Pat Fleming
Attendance: 1,000 (estimated)
TV: MSG Cable
Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert
Announcer: Ed Derian
(3-16-90)

ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Plaza—Carefully nurtured prospect **Ricardo Cepeda** continued his by-the-book development, annexing the WBC Continental Americas featherweight crown with a unanimous 12-round decision over **Roberto Rivera**, 126, Carolina, Puerto Rico. Cepeda, 125, Bronx, New York, employed constant movement, toughness, and a long reach that enabled him to get off a bewildering variety of punches. The rangy, standup visitor was all too willing to mix, but constantly got outpunched in crackling exchanges.

A left hook to the body and right over the top dumped Rivera at the close of the third. After a particularly rude treatment in the sixth, Rivera became discouraged. The bristling action of the first half became a monotonous death march in the second, as Rivera gave up fighting to win and simply went the distance. Richard F. Murry and Thomas Kaczmarek both had it 120-107; Deborah Barnes scored 119-108. Cepeda is 16-0-1 (13), though he has yet to beat a contender. Rivera is 18-4-1 (4). Rafael Ramos refereed.

Seemingly around forever, Darryl Tyson, 137½, Washington, D.C., has been quietly inching his way back against live opposition since joining up with Texas manager Dave Gorman. Tyson gained a unanimous decision over tough Ildemar Paisan, 136, Caracas in an earnest, but dullish, 10. Paisan had been invited back after taking high-flying Tracy Spann down a peg, Spann being awarded a bad decision in their fight. But whereas the short, stalking, no-nonsense Venezuelan had been able to back up the rangy, flamboyant Spann, he found himself walking right into the wheelhouse of the durable, compact Tyson.

After three close rounds, Tyson, 31-4 (15), settled into a serious, but unspectacular, pattern with quicker hands and a dedicated work ethic. The bout was unexciting, but solidly contested nonetheless. Though most of the rounds were close, Tyson's overall superiority was evident.

A somewhat lackadaisical Greg Everett, 176, Newark, eventually stopped Dean Moore, 177, Forest City, North Carolina, at 2:40 of the seventh, scheduled eight. Everett typically started the rounds ambitiously, but, finding the stubborn Moore still there, would ease off and let him back in the fight. Finally, Moore suffered a badly cut left eye, and was getting whacked when the referee Ramos stepped in. Everett is 13-1 (12); Moore is 9-11-1 (3).

Alfred Cole, 187, South Orange, clobbered Jerry Dorsey, 187, Port Royal, South Carolina, into a TKO at 1:40 of the third, scheduled six.

Cesar Castro, 136, Brooklyn, TKO'd Scott Paige, 134, District Heights, Maryland, at 2:42 of the second.

Promoter: Madison Square Garden Boxing
Matchmakers: Bobby Goodman, Pat Fleming
Attendance: 450 (estimated)
TV: MSG Cable
Timekeeper: Art Spell
Announcer: Ed Derian
(3-22-90)

ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel Casino—**Nate Miller's** return with **Tyrone Booze** was a grinding bore. Coming back from a broken jaw in his last fight, Miller, 189¾, Philadelphia, 16-1 (13), defended his NABF cruiserweight crown with a near-shutout 12-round decision over Booze, 194¼, Hartford. The two leaned on each other most of the night, doing more pushing and mauling than punching, which proved tiresome to both themselves and the fans.

Judge Joe Pasquale scored 118-110, William Kostrub, 120-108, and Sid Rubinstein, 120-106. The loser is 14-9-3 (2). Tony Perez refereed.

Dave Tiberi, 160, New Castle, Delaware, turned in a fine performance in stopping comebacking one-time prospect Ken Shannon, 163¾, Portsmouth, Virginia, after four of a scheduled 10. Rafael Ramos refereed.

Tony Green, 126, Philadelphia, TKO'd Tommy Barnes, 127, Philadelphia, at 1:36 of the seventh of a sizzling eight. The action see-sawed as the two traded crisp combinations until the harder-hitting Green broke through to deck the game Barnes. Barnes arose, but was wobbly, and the referee halted it.

Slick Tyree Johnson, 131¾, Philadelphia, outboxed willing Danny Rodriguez, 134, Pleasantville, but coasted away the final round and was lucky to hold onto a majority four-round decision. Referee: Tony Perez.

Ricky Rucker, 145, Philadelphia, hammered Ray Soto, 145, Fajardo, Puerto Rico, via Pleasantville, dropping him in the second and winning a unanimous four-round verdict. Referee: Ramos.

Jose Avila, 144, New York City, kayoed Mike Kellman, 141¾, New York City, with a wicked left hook at 1:32 of the first, scheduled four. Kellman gave the house a chill, as he had to be taken out on a stretcher, but fortunately was released from the hospital the following day. Referee: Tony Perez.

Promoter: Peltz Boxing Promotions
Matchmaker: Russell Peltz
TV: SportsChannel America
Judges (undercard): Mike Savage, William Kostrub, John Riley
Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker
Announcer: Ed Derian
Attendance: 850 (estimated)
(3-26-90)

ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Castle—**James "Buddy" McGirt** turned in a typically sterling performance as he hammered **Tommy Ayers**, 147, Cincinnati, into submission at 2:11 of the second round. McGirt, 147, Brentwood, dominated from the opening bell.

Courtney Hooper, 142½, Detroit, won a split-verdict over John Rafuse, 142, Malden, Masschusetts, in a punishing 10. Rafuse outgunned him in furious early trading, with Hooper battling back when he could gain a bit of extra room. The New Englander regained control with vigorous late rallies in the fifth and sixth. Rafuse stayed busier as Hooper continued to wilt down the stretch, then Rafuse let it all go and hammered the shot Detroiter all over the ring in a stirring 10th.

But the shocking verdict: Jeanne Williams had it for Rafuse, 96-94, but Milo Savage and William Kostrub tabbed a mind-boggling 97-95 and 98-92, respectively, for Hooper!

"Sure, they gave us an extra 500 bucks," lamented Refuse, "but what's that compared to the offers I could've gotten with the win?"

Tony Orlando refereed.

In the only uncontroversial undercard bout, Regilio Tuur, 133, Whitestone, New York, was too good for game Johnny Glen Alvarado, 132, Philadelphia, cutting him down for a TKO at 1:58 of the fourth, scheduled eight. Referee: Smoger.

A mixed-corner scoring botch had Gordon Huggins, 158, Brigantine, New Jersey, awarded a split decision over Jose Ortiz, 156, Philadelphia, in an otherwise good four. While Savage voted for Ortiz by 40-36, the others both had 39-37 Huggins, which caused even Gordon to gaze in amazement. Referee: Smoger.

Garfield McKenzie, 148, Camden, appeared well on his way to beating Mark DiGiovanni, 148, Kearny, New Jersey, when the latter's cut left eye halted action and Orlando invoked the technical draw rule at 50 seconds of the second, scheduled four.

Jessie Boston,194, Trenton, was clobbering Joey Winters, 198, Smithtown, Long Island, who kept looking desperately to his corner and claiming an injured right shoulder, until they tossed the towel at 1:58 of the first, scheduled four. This time, Orlando ruled a TKO.

Promoter: Madison Square Garden Boxing
Matchmakers: Bobby Goodman, Pat Fleming
Attendance: 700 (estimated)
TV: CBS
Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert
Announcer: Ed Derian
(3-31-90)

J.R. Jowett

NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE—Albuquerque Convention Center—**Tony Baltazar** is hoping for one more shot at a world ranking and title shot, but he didn't show enough to convince many people he deserves either.

Baltazar, 143, Scottsdale, Arizona, 35-3-1, scored a fifth-round knockout over **Danny Vargas**, 143¼, Harlingen, Texas. A left uppercut to the chin ended it, though many thought a low blow by Baltazar seconds earlier was the shot which really decided the fight.

Vargas' manager, Joe Costello, filed a protest with the New Mexico Athletic Commission that referee Neffie Quintana didn't adequately protect his fighter, and should have recognized the low blow and given Vargas, 19-12, time to recover. Vargas was ahead on all three judges' scorecards through four rounds, and had been scoring well and steadily with both hands against the easy-to-hit Baltazar.

Welterweight Oscar Ponce, 143, Mar del Plata, Argentina (fighting out of Philadelphia), gained a unanimous eight-round decision over Conrad Maez, 145¼, Albuquerque. Ponce attacked from the opening bell, and by the fifth round had Maez' eye swollen shut. The 23-year-old Argentine is 12-2 (5).

Donny Giron, 155½, Denver, scored a first-round TKO over Louis Howard Jr., 153, St. Louis.

In a four-round welterweight bout, Steve Barreras, 146½, Albuquerque, won by unanimous decision over Danny Almanzar, 149, Albuquerque.
(3-10-90)

Bruce Williams

NEW YORK

WHITE PLAINS—Westchester County Center—**"Dangerous" Daryl Lattimore** is just that: a slick and tricky spoiler who's a test for just about anyone, despite his lack of recognition. He proved this with his hell-raiser against **Larry Barnes**. By the time the smoke cleared, Barnes had escaped with his scalp not entirely intact. The victory may have cost him, as he was cut to ribbons.

Barnes, 147, Mt. Vernon, a mini-Mike Tyson, came out enthusiastically and nearly swept away the smoother but less physical Lattimore, 147½, Washington, D.C. Lattimore was nearly overwhelmed in furious trading, but Barnes paid the price, suffering a cut right eye in the fourth. The panic of the cut only caused Barnes to heighten his attack, but by the sixth, the pace had slowed him just a step. Lattimore took advantage of the extra room to get his counters working, picking Barnes apart in a dramatic drive to overtake the hero's lead. Though Barnes was bleeding, ringside physicians remained unphased.

Lattimore's hopes were dashed when he suffered a flash knockdown from a sweeping left hook in the 10th and final round. Lattimore thought it was a slip, then became distraught and engaged in a brief shoving match with referee Fred Ucci over the call. Barnes gained the deserved verdict, 97-92 from both George DeGabriel and Georgie Colon, and 96-93 from Bernie Friedkin. The crestfallen loser was barely communicative, but volatile manager Spencer Bend declared, "Sure it's risky coming here, but we gotta get him work. No one wants to fight him in D.C."

Michael Ward, 149, Ft. Washington, Maryland, edged a bleeding Mike Brown, 151, Philadelphia, via New York City, by unanimous decision in a hard-fought four. Referee: Wayne Kelley.

Aaron Smith, 150, Rockville, Maryland, won by disqualification over Julio Morales, 154¼, Bronx, at 1:14 of the third, scheduled four. Referee Kelley had enough of Morales spitting his mouthpiece out four times over two rounds. Oddly, Morales was holding his own in vigorous action, but his free swinging may have spent him.

Rafael Quezada, 174, Bronx, won a regged four-round unanimous decision over Fabian Garcia, 170, Rockville, Maryland. Referee: Ucci.

Promoter: Michael Blutrich, Jeffrey Wessel (New Contenders, Inc.)
Matchmaker: Ernie Luciano

Attendance: 700 (estimated)
Timekeeper: Frank Lombardi
Announcer: Ron Scott Stevens
(3-27-90)

J.R. Jowettt

OHIO

COLUMBUS—Valley Dale Ballroom—With hometowner Buster Douglas' recent knockout of Mike Tyson, a great interest in the fight game has ignited in the Ohio capital. Thus it was no surprise that a standing-room-only crowd was on hand to witness referee Arthur Mercante present the new heavyweight champ with his title belts before the main event.

In the 10-round main event, **Rick Spain**, 216, Columbus, won a hard-earned split decision over **Jeff Jordan**, 205, Columbus. This was an action-packed battle throughout, and the crowd loved it.

Prospect Eric Podolak, 140, Pittsburgh, scored a unanimous six-round decision over veteran Forrest Winchester, 138, Columbus. Podolak was too sharp and gave the veteran a boxing lesson.

Debuting Ben Smith, 210, Pittsburgh, upset Bill Melsop, 208, Columbus, knocking him out in the first of a scheduled four-rounder. The windmilling Smith threw every punch from the rafters, but had no problem landing against the rather stationary Melsop.

Randy Kelly, 145, Columbus, landed a big left hook for a clean kayo of Dave Johnson, 152, Cincinnati, in round one.

Terry Green, 162, Columbus, and Doug Sesky, 162, Pittsburgh battled to a four-round draw in a real barn-burner.

Dan Mitchell, 164, Pittsburgh, landed a thunderous overhand right to put Jose Thomas, 165, Cincinnati, flat on his back for the full count in the first round of a scheduled four-rounder.

Brian Butler, 195, Columbus, floored Larry Fortner, 200, Mansfield, three times en route to winning a unanimous four-round decision.

Promoter: Stan Harris
Matchmaker: Greg Augustine
Attendance: 1,400 (estimated)
(3-8-90)

AKRON—Satchmo's Nightclub—The first card held here in more than two years saw **Tommy Small**, 152, Sophia, West Virginia, wear down late substitute **Nick Parker**, 156, Erie, Pennsylvania, for a TKO in round five. Small unleashed a vicious body attack on veteran trailhorse Parker, whose corner threw in the towel at 2:16 of the round.

Kemper Morton, 176, Westerville, picked apart John Loscar, 176, Parkersburg, West Virginia, who was unable to answer the bell for round five in a scheduled eight. Loscar was down in the second and took some heavy punishment, but did hang tough.

Robert Curry, 168, Beckley, West Virginia, split decisioned Jerome Kelly, 166, Akron, after eight close rounds. Kelly's camp lodged a protest after the decision, claiming that the bout was only scheduled for six rounds and he was not told of going an extra two rounds until after the sixth. Kelly seemed to be ahead after six rounds, but faded in the final two.

In a six-round shutout, Tom Alexander, 148, Pittsburgh, pitched and George Taylor, 147, Cleveland, caught. Alexander dished out a beating to Taylor, who offered little resistance.

Vercell Curry, 136, Beckley, and Lamar Williams, 134, Erie, Pennsylvania, battled to a six-round majority draw. The decision was announced in favor of Curry, but the scores were later found to be incorrectly tabulated.

As for comedy relief, wild-swinging heavyweights Larry Fortner, 205, Mansfield, and Ben Smith, 216, Columbus, provided plenty of that in this scheduled four-rounder. The end came at 47 seconds of the third when Smith, who threw every punch from the rafters, fell over from sheer exhaustion and the referee stopped the bout.

Promoter: Al Kerkian
Matchmaker: Mike Acri
Judges: Kevin Armstrong, Gene Glen, Kathy Terrell
Attendance: 400 (estimated)
Referees: Joe Gonzales, Joe Lorenzo
(3-14-90)

Erich Gliebe

PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon—Another new promoter attempted to gain a foothold at this primal small club, but he offered a non-competitive card made immeasurably worse by Pennsylvania's trademark horrid judging. A good crowd turned out, but most of it had uncharacteristically left well before the conclusion.

"This won't happen again," advised promoter Richard McCaffery, but, unfortunately, he wasn't referring to the judging.

In the feature, **Anthony Fletcher**, 140, West Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over **Thomas Baker**, 145, Washington, D.C., in a dreary eight-rounder. The amazing Fletcher may make it yet, overcoming illness, injury, and now gunshot wounds. Baker, who did nothing but clown and jive his way through six dismal rounds, paid for it when he was floored by a surprise right hook to start the seventh.

Baker scrambled back into the fight and managed to land a good left hook to discourage Fletcher a bit, but squandered whatever respect he may have earned from the fans by throwing up an absurd victory sign at the bell. As if landing one punch was an accomplishment, he clowned his way throughout the final session, which earned him a pelting with ice and other debris that necessitated a call for order by announcer Mel Perry. Carol Polis voted 40-33, Manny Altman, 40-31, and Paul Harris, 38-35.

Tony Martin, 142, Philadelphia, won a unanimous eight-round decision over Willie Taylor, 141, Falls Church, Virginia. Martin looked good at the start. He was quick, slick, and classy, as he took command of pleasing action. But Martin has had a tendency to lose his edge in rugged, physical fights. Taylor's unorthodoxed style started to take the luster off Martin by the middle rounds, and the crowd reveled every time it spotted a crack in the veneer. By the late rounds, Taylor found his target more easily, but it wasn't enough to overtake Martin's headstart. Altman and Polis scored 38-36, and Harris 37-36, as the crowd once again rose in rebellion, this time to praise the loser.

In an exciting welterweight bout, Owen McGeachy, 142, Far Rockaway, New York, appeared to have the upper hand, as he traded freely with the stubborn Joe Alexander, 142, West Philadelphia, for the entire fight. Somehow Altman and Harris gave Alexander the verdict, 37-36 and 37-35, respectively. Polis had it 37-36 for McGeachy.

Andre Sharpe Richardson, 153, North Philadelphia, got a good fight from Thomas Bonds, 156, Lake Wales, Florida, gaining a majority decision, six. Bonds was right there all fight, but Sharpe produced the greater output. Altman and Harris scored 27-26 and 28-24, respectively, while Polis had it 27-27.

In a four-round bout, Bernard Hopkins, 166, North Philadelphia, looked impressive in winning a clear-cut unanimous decision over tough Greg Paige, 169, North Philadelphia.

In another scheduled four-rounder, Seldom seen Johnny Ray Piteo, 153½, North Philadelphia, whacked out Wali Abdullah, 153, North Philadelphia, who exited judiciously from a left hook to the ribs at 2:55 of the first.

Joe Clark, 177, North Philadelphia, scored a first-round kayo over Craig Butts, 178, North Philadelphia, at the 1:08 mark.

Promoter: Richard McCaffery & Sam Solomon (Solmac Promotions)
Matchmaker: Sam Solomon
Attendance: 1,100 (estimated)
Gate: $15,000 (estimated)
Referee: Rudy Battle
Timekeeper: Tony Stanza
(2-22-90)

PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon—When a comeback bout for Robert Hines fizzled because of an injury, promoter J. Russell Peltz fell back on his old reliable, **Tony Thornton**. Hines' scheduled opponent, Reggie Miller, reportedly wanted nothing to do with Thornton, so Peltz paired Thornton with Jersey rival **Ralph Ward**.

Thornton, 164, Glassboro, gained a split verdict over Ward, 162, Atlantic City, after a hard-fought, but hardly pleasing 10-rounder. Both fighters displayed their vulnerable points; Thornton's difficulty with a moving target was in evidence early, while Ward's frailty in a physical fight cost him down the stretch. The two factors amounted to a double negative, so fans weren't amused.

Judges Marsha Taylor and Ron Greenley had Thornton ahead, 46-45 and 47-43, respectively; Adalaide Tyndale gave it to Ward, 46-44. Referee: Charlie Sgrillo.

The undercard provided the kind of slam-bang action fans expected in the main event, as Dave Tiberi, 161, New Castle, Delaware, returned from an eight-month layoff to stop Joe Summers, 163, Pleasantville, in the fifth of a scheduled eight. Tiberi nailed Summers throughout the fight. The stronger

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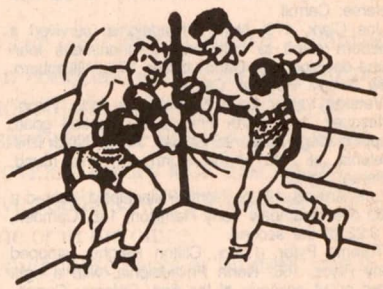

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Tiberi landed jolting shots and started to cut Summers. The fight was stopped when Summers' corner, against his wishes, threw in the towel. Referee: John Carroll.

Red-hot William "The Hammer" Jones, 149, North Philadelphia, stopped verteran trialhorse Bill Robinson, 153, Brooklyn, New York, in the first of a scheduled four-rounder. Referee: Sgrillo.

In another scheduled four-rounder, Bernal Long, 166, West Philadelphia, took out returning Ali Bey, 166, Wilmington, with a TKO at 1:31 of the first. Referee: Carroll.

Joe Clark, 179, North Philadelphia, survived a stubborn stand to hold onto a unanimous four-round decision over Danny Butler, 176, Willingboro, New Jersey. Referee: Carroll.

Veteran trainer Leon Tabbs' new find, "Papo" Velasquez, 141, North Philadelphia, looked good, stopping tough Nathaniel Gaines, 143½, North Philadelphia, at 2:38 of the fourth and final round. Referee: Sgrillo.

Luis Andino, 141½, North Philadelphia, scored a TKO over southpaw Tony Hamilton, 136, Camden, at 2:22 of the second.

Tommy Pyfer, 174½, Clifton Heights, stopped Tony Pryor, 168, North Philadelphia, with a right cross at 44 seconds of the first. Referee: Carroll.

Promoter: Peltz Boxing Promotions
Matchmaker: J. Russell Peltz
Referees: Charlie Sgrillo, John Carrol
Attendance: 903
TV: SportsChannel America
Timekeeper: J.P. Mina
Ring Announcer: Hank Kropinski
(2-12-90)

BENSALEM TOWNSHIP—Neil Armstrong Middle School—Local cop and former pro heavyweight **Jerry Judge** decided to revive boxing here, with help from the Chamber of Commerce.

Brian McGinley, 150, Fishtown, won a unanimous decision over **Joe Bradford**, 150½, North Philadelphia, in a crowd-pleasing eight. A prototypical clubfighter, the Irish favorite keeps coming back, win or lose, and can be counted on for a rip-roaring battle. Against Bradford, he put on one of his brightest efforts. Though coming off a long inactivity, Bradford was sharp and in condition, and he had to be. McGinley dropped him twice in the first with a whirlwind start. A buzzsaw body attack brought down Bradford's hands, then a sharp right to the head felled him. A left hook-right cross floored him the second time, but Bradford fought his way out of the round.

After three rounds of hard trading, Bradford appeared finally finished in the fifth. A sharp right at the start wobbled him, and he was worked over at length until dropped by another. Still, Bradford scrambled back into the action, and McGinley needed to redouble his efforts in the seventh to keep the determined Bradford from turning the tide. Scoring: Ozzie Sadler, 38-35; Al Morris, 38-33; Ron Greenley, an unbelievable 40-29. Referee: Ron Aurit.

Fans also loved the no-holds barred heavyweight pier-sixer that featured Phil Gilberti, 195, Rockville, Maryland, who came from behind to kayo George Wilson, 192, Wilmington, at 1:34 of the fifth, scheduled six.

Leo Edwards, 154, North Philadelphia, was impressive, taking out tough Ed Priester, 156, West Philadelphia, at 2:20 of the first, scheduled six.

Harder-punching Brian Bogdanski, 156, Scranton, was shut down but still didn't deserve to be held to a draw by Otis Boone, 153, Trenton, in a tedious four.

Southpaw Dante Brundage, 168, West Philadelphia, thoroughly dominated a disappointing Chandler Durham, 168, North Philadelphia, for a unanimous upset in a good four.

Returning Blaine Jones, 151½, North Philadelphia, was too much for new arrival Bob Cananzey, 153, formerly Taunton, Massachusetts, now Paulsboro, New Jersey, stopping him at 1:57 of the fourth.

Promoters: Jerry Judge, Mickey Hauck
Matchmaker: Harold Moore
Attendance: 700 (estimated)
Timekeeper: J.P. Mina
Announcer: Frank Talent
(3-14-90)

SCRANTON—Catholic Youth Center—In the main event, imported hero **Rocky Pepeli**, 225, New York City, hoping to catch on locally, was matched with veteran opponent **Jim Harrison**, 208, Boston. Pepeli bulldozed his way to an early lead in rock-'em, sock-'em action that was short on finesse but not on bad intentions. Nobody told Harrison he was supposed to play dead, and as early as the fourth, he was finding he could reach Pepeli, and gaining confidence. Harrison's wildly lurching, herky-jerk style and spontaneous creations of punches had Pepeli tiring from the wrestling and getting nailed almost to embarrassment.

The New Englander added insult to injury in the sixth when he floored the favorite along the strands with a left and right. Pepeli, 9-1-1, fought gamely to recoup, but had to encore in the seventh when a left hook-right cross floored him again. With matchmaker Gary Braverman shouting at ringside, referee Joe Salci was moved to penalize the studiedly awkward Harrison for ringing Pepeli's neck, a significant turn that was never divulged to the crowd by fumbling announcer Sammy Mancuso. At the end of eight rounds, fans cheered the fighters, but were noticeably on edge as they sensed what was coming. In a blatant display of hometown pandering, Pepeli was gifted with a draw, as Rocky Castellani called it 37-36, Pepeli, and Buddy Rush had it 36-36, while Jack Castellani exhibited some competence at 38-36, Harrison. The scoring was not announced to protect the guilty, while the booing was so prolonged and universal as to prevent the introduction of the walk-out bout.

Bobby McCarthy, 127½, Cliffside Park, New Jersey, hammered Sammy Ruiz, 127½, Bronz, relentlessly along the ropes to win a unanimous verdict in a rugged, but monotonous, eight. Referee: Rocky Castellani.

In a wildly flailing affair, Gene Reed, 135, Scranton, discouraged Carlos Rivera, 135, Amsterdam, New York, rather easily, with Rivera quitting after two rounds of a scheduled six.

Brian Bogdanski, 158, Scranton, was too strong for stylish but fragile Jimmy Holmes, 159, Troy, New York, who quit on his stool after the second round.

Randall Iorio, 179, Wilkes Barre, was skewered on the jab of Larry Wilkins, 174, Schenectady, in the first of four. But Iorio must have learned something in his corner, as he moved smartly past the weapon in the second to hammer and rock Wilkins, finally stopping him on his feet at 2:08. Referee: Castellani.

Dennis Hogan, 175¾, Bronx, got his hands loose enough in a bruising four-round mauler to hammer Chris LoPresto, 175, Tamaqua, for a unanimous win.

Promoter: Michael Smith (Supersports, Inc.)
Attendance: 1,500 (estimated)
Timekeeper: Bill Reese
(3-23-90)

J.R. Jowett

TENNESSEE

BRISTOL—Viking Hall—Nineteen-year-old heavyweight **Mark Carrier**, Bristol, scored a first-round kayo over **Mike "The Animal" Douglas**, Cincinnati, Ohio. Carrier went right after Douglas, landing jabs and left hooks in flurries. But it was a single right to the ribs that sent Douglas to the canvas for the 10-count.

In a battle of heavyweights, Robert Clevenger, Newport, battered Gerald Dixon, Blanchester, Ohio, who quit after the third round.

In a welterweight bout, Scott Vance, Elizabethtown, kayoed Wayne Lattimore, Charlotte, North Carolina, in the first round.

Richie Hess, Bristol, knocked out Otis Vereen with a left hook early in the fourth round.

Heavyweight Alger Williams, Johnson City, pulverized Mike Addington, Charlotte, North Carolina, with a haymaker early in the first round.

Loren Ross, Nashville, wasted little time scoring a first-round knockout over John Swafford, Charlotte, North Carolina, in a cruiserweight matchup.

Attendance: 5,200 (estimated)
(2-17-90)

MEMPHIS—Omni New Daisy Theater—In the 10-round main event, Memphian **Knox Brown**, 166, won an impressive unanimous decision over **James Mitchell**, 174, St. Louis, Missouri, in a scheduled 10-round middleweight contest. After the first two rounds, Brown started to take control of the fight, landing and scoring with combinations to the head and body. In round six, Brown dropped Mitchell for an eight-count with a three-punch combination to the head. In the seventh, Mitchell hit the canvas again when Brown caught him with a solid right uppercut.

In the last three frames, Brown dominated Mitchell with head and body blows.

In the opener, Andre Nelson, 185, Detroit, Michigan, stopped John Hamilton, 185¾, Chicago, at 2:09 of the first of a scheduled six-round light heavyweight contest.

Mitch Sammons, 268, Tampa, Florida, stopped Steve Riggins, 219, Jackson, Mississippi, at 20 seconds of the first round of a scheduled six.

Danny Ward, 193, West Memphis, Arkansas, pounded out a six-round unanimous decision over Tony Nichols, 212, Little Rock, Arkansas.

In another heavyweight bout, Memphian Michael Faulkner, 232, earned a four-round unanimous decision over Walter Wiggens, 233, Covington.

Freddie Ladd, 140, West Memphis, Arkansas, scored a first-round TKO over Jackie Bedwell, 150, Jackson, Mississippi. Referee Jim Kidd stopped the bout at the 2:07 mark.

Promoters: Tom Harmon, Mid South Boxing, Inc.
Matchmaker: Red Fortner
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Timekeeper: Rod Cardone
Ringside physician: Dr. David Wilcox
Attendance 650 (estimated)
(3-6-90)

MEMPHIS—Omni New Daisy Theatre—The main event featured **Michael Greer**, 200, against **Kevin Poindexter**, 198, Nashville, in a scheduled 10-rounder. Following an uneventful first round, Greer came out firing in the second and put Poindexter down and out with a powerful three-punch combination at 1:06 of the round.

In a scheduled six-round middleweight contest, Ken Hulsey, 159, Lynchberg, stopped Memphian Tommy Jeans, 160, at 1:15 of the fourth.

Light heavyweight Andre Nelson, 177, Detroit, earned a six-round unanimous decision over Kenneth Bentley, 189, Nashville.

In his professional debut, featherweight Clarence "Bones" Adams, 130, pounded out a four-round unanimous decision over Simmie Black, 130, Memphis.

Freddie Ladd, 140, West Memphis, Arkansas, scored a second-round TKO over Billy Outley, 144, Nashville.

In a four-round light heavyweight bout, Roy Bedwell, 185, Jackson, earned a unanimous decision over Othni Reese, 173, Shelbyville.

Mitch "King Kong" Sammons, 263, Tampa, Florida, stopped Art Terry, 212, Osceola, Arkansas, at 1:20 of the first round.

Promoters: Tom Harmon, Mid South Boxing, Inc.
Matchmaker: Red Fortner
Ring Announcer: Gilbert Beam
Judges: Don Thompson, James Perkins, Haywood Watts, Jim Harbor, Alex McCollum, Mike Belmont
Referees: Jim Kidd, Eddie Freeman, Sam Garland
Timekeeper: Rod Cardone
Ringside physician: Dr. Jeff Hoover
Attendance: 600 (estimated)
(4-3-90)

Michael Glenn

TEXAS

HOUSTON—El Presidente Club—**Wayne Powell**, Tyler, kayoed former Mexican middleweight champion **Jose Duarte** in the third round.

In the co-main event, Donald "Sugar Ray" Caples stopped Victor Padilla, Reynosa, Mexico, in the first round.

In a battle of junior middleweights, Ruben Perez stopped Raul Cornjo in the first of a scheduled four-rounder.

In lightweight bouts scheduled for four rounds: Prince Pulido copped the nod over Jacob Godinez.

Sammy Fuentez decisioned Manuel Mendoza.

Alvaro Lerma kayoed Ray Aynala in the first round.

Attendance: 1,600 (estimated)
Ring Announcer: Gordon Wood
Matchmaker: Ruben Rabgo
Promoter: Ida Lott, Space City Boxing
(3-16-90)

Jean Paul Sinistre

WISCONSIN

GREEN BAY—Riverside Ballroom—**Tim Tomashek**, 197, Green Bay, turned in a solid performance, taking a 10-round decision over veteran **Frank Lux**, 195, Leclaire, Iowa. Although Lux fought a good, steady fight, it was the stronger Tomashek who was able to land the more powerful punches.

In the co-feature, Dan Morgan, 174, Bloomington, Minnesota, 34-0, won a 10- round verdict over veteran Jesse Abrams, 175, Des Moines, Iowa. This bout, like many of Morgan's, was a war, with both men landing solid punches. The world-rated Mor-

gan, however, landed the heavier blows and prevailed.

Fast-rising prospect Ken Schaefer, 179, Ralston, Nevada, looked very sharp in capturing an eight-round decision over Jerry Harris, 178, Elkhard, Indiana.

Marty Jakubowski, 141, Whiting, Indiana, was impressive, as he took the six- round nod over Mike Bell, 141, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Promoter: Pro Sports, Inc. (Ron Collison)
Matchmaker: Pete Susens
Attendance: 669
(2-5-90)

MADISION—Barrymore Theatre—**Tom Lins**, 184, Sun Praire, 11-2, topped the program and turned in a first-round knockout over **Zeb Wilson**, 184, Milwaukee.

Tom Hall, 256, Milwaukee, stopped Harry Funmaker, 246, Fond du Lac, in the third heat on a cut eye. Hall was in command in the early going, then Funmaker took over in the second round, as he got in close to Hall and banged to the body. In the third, Hall was about to go when Funmaker got cut and the doctor stopped the fight.

Jim Wisniewski, 178, Pardeeville, recovered from three knockdowns in the first round to put Larry McMullin, 178, Madison, away in the second with a series of head punches.

In a four-rounder, Tom Byars, 170, LaCrosse, copped the nod over Ed Klowalski, 166, Milwaukee, in an excellent bout.

Jim Ellis, 230, Redondo Beach, California, had little trouble knocking out 32-year-old Jerry Duke, 278, Beloit, in the second round.

Two pro starters, Rick Wilcox, 140, Madison, and Jeff Chandler, 140, Milwaukee, duked it out in an excellent four-rounder which Wilcox won by decision.

Promoter: Karate America Boxing Club (Randy Reid)
Attendance: 319
(2-9-90)

JANESVILE—Craig High School Gym—Pro boxing returned to this old-time fight town after a long absence, and the night was a rousing success. In the first half of the main events, **Scott Pliner**, 174, Janesville, knocked out **Don Askew**, 182, Minneapolis via Memphis, in the third round. Pliner landed a couple of left hooks and Askew went down for the count. Askew was a late substitute and wasn't in the best of condition.

In the other featured event, Brett Lally, 157½, Westlund, Michigan, kayoed comebacking Nate Stewart, 155, Springfield, Illinois, in the fourth heat.

Carl Williams, 192, Beloit, registered a minor upset when he took a hard- fought six-round decision over Tom Lins, 185, Sun Praire.

Tom Hall, 251, Milwaukee, scored a second-round kayo over Robert Holloway, 229, Detroit.

Jim Ellis, 226, Redondo Beach, California, kayoed Darrell Young, 178, Memphis, in the first canto.

Danny Thomas, 164, Westlund, Michigan, stopped Jordan Keepers, 171, Beloit, Wisconsin, in the third round.

Norris James Young, 191, Saginaw, flattened Wilson Jackson, 200, Beloit, with a fourth-round kayo.

Troy Bodine, 215, Los Angeles, scored a second-round TKO over Alonzo Watson, 213, Milwaukee, after knocking Watson down three times.

Promoter: Southern Wisconsin Promotions (Gary Pliner)
Attendance: 593
(2-17-90)

George D. Blair

PUERTO RICO

MIRAMAR—Hot Boxing Promotions has appeared on the local boxing scene with the primary intent of developing new talent.

In the main event of the first program of the year, flyweight **Jose "Cenizo" DeJesus** scored a seventh-round TKO over **Miguel Santos**. Referee Mariano Soto wisely called a halt to save Santos from further punishment after he had been dropped on two occasions. It is important to clarify that Cenizo DeJesus should not be confused with WBO junior flyweight champion Jose "Caguitas" DeJesus. Because of the similarity of names, recent record books have interchanged the bouts they have participated in.

In the semi-final six, junior welterweight Moises Rivera continued his winning streak when he outpointed Luis Rivera.

In the bout that many came to see, Felix Trinidad made his pro debut by scoring a second-round kayo over Angel Romero in the junior welterweight

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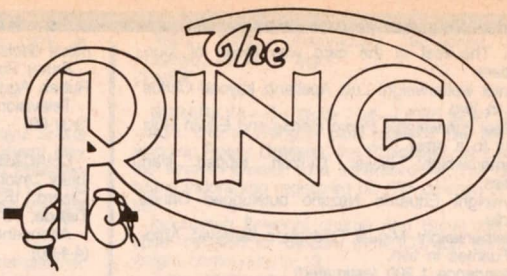

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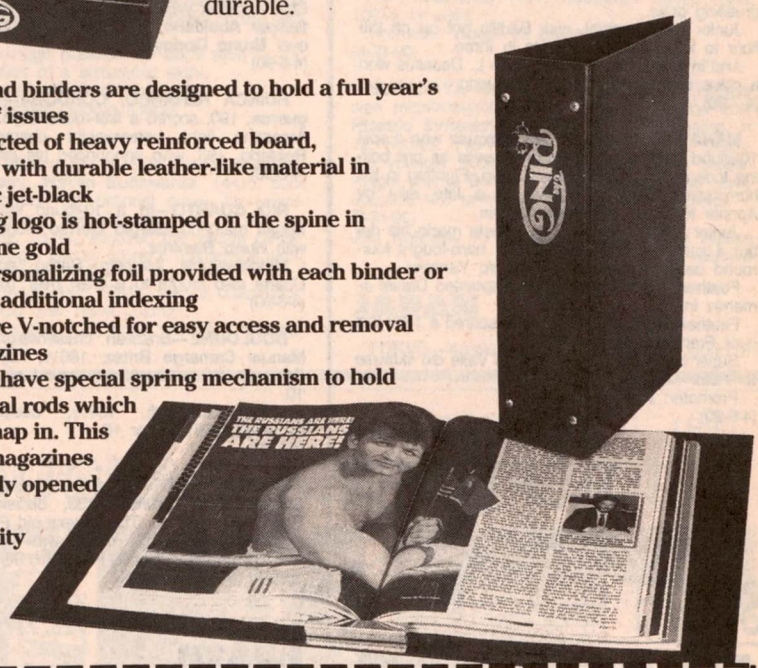

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class. The rest of the card was made of four-rounders.

Junior welterweight Luis Apellaniz kayoed Carlos Silva in two.

Junior lightweights Pedro Garcia and Edwin Ruiz fought to a draw.

Bantamweight Javier Cintron topped Ivan Morales.

Flyweight Eduardo Nazario outslugged Danilo Claudio.

Featherweight Miguel Rodriguez flattened Antonio Fuentes in two.

Attendance 1,200 (estimated)
(3-17-90)

MIRAMAR—Junior welterweight prospect **Felix Trinidad** improved to 2-0 (2) with a second-round kayo over **Israel Ponce**. Trinidad dropped Ponce in the initial heat with a solid right hook and finished the job in the second with a beautiful left hook.

Another amateur star, feather Esteban Flores, made an auspicious pro debut by stopping Jorge L. "Macho" Montalvo in the second round. Montalvo never recovered from a Flores volley at the end of the first.

Lightweight Carlos Rivera scored a three-round TKO over Modesto Ramos due to a cut eye.

The best bout of the evening saw junior featherweight Danilo Claudio and Noel Cruz battle to a gruelling draw.

Junior featherweight Jose Badillo got up off the floor to kayo Teodoro Pizarro in three.

And in a final six, flyweight Jose L. DeJesus won a close decision over Cesar Acevedo.
(4-7-90)

MANATI—Lightweight **Jose Vazquez** won a split 10-round decision over **Victor Aponte** as pro boxing took over the small island town. Fighting in his hometown, Vazquez staved off a late rally by Aponte to annex an emotional win.

Junior bantamweight Andy Agosto made his debut a successful one by taking a hard-fought four-round decision over Luis Alejandro Yampier.

Featherweight Pedro Arroyo outpointed Daniel Jimenez in six.

Featherweight Victor Laureano scored a TKO win over Francisco Ramos in two.

Super bantamweight Rafael del Valle did likewise to Victor Martinez.

Promoter: Alejandro Perez
(4-6-90)

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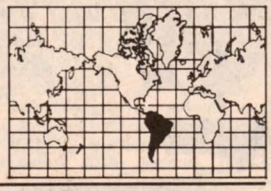

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

SALTA—In a long-awaited battle of local welterweights, South American champion **Miguel Arroyo**, 146½, 47-6-2 (32), won a 12-round decision over Argentine champion **Hector Hugo Vilte**, 145½, 41-6-3 (18), to retain his continental belt. Both boxers are from Salta, and for this reason it was the biggest sports event here in years.

The referee was Oscar Coronel. The official cards: Carlos Rodriguez, 117-113; Osvaldo Bisbal, 116-113; Daniel Gomez, 118-112.

Promoter: Miguel Herrera

Attendance: 3,500 (estimated)
(3-30-90)

CORRIENTES—**Ernesto Sena** beat **Luis Marquez**, junior middleweights, in a 10-round unanimous decision.
(3-30-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Argentine Boxing Federation Stadium—**Manuel Villalba**, 128, stopped Paraguayan **Cirilo Figueroa**, 125, in four rounds. It's impossible to understand why the Argentine Boxing Federation authorized Figueroa to fight in a main event in its own stadium. His record was 1-7-1. Villalba, 23-2-3, floored Figueroa in the first round. This was a major example of how the AFB is working as both promoter and sports executive.

Ismael Chavez, 134, won an eight-round unanimous decision over Ricardo Silva, 137.

Renor Rojas, 125, took a six-round decision over Ruben Aguirre, 127¼.

Television: Video Cable Communication
(3-31-90)

CHACABUCO—Club Atletico Porteno—Argentine junior middleweight champion **Jorge Fernando Castro**, 153, won a 10-round decision over **Jorge Tejada**, 151.

Attendance: 1,000 (estimated)
(4-4-90)

NEUQUEN—Club Atletico Neuquen—**Luis Henriquez**, 127, decision **Orlando Antinir**, 127, over 10 rounds.
(4-6-90)

GARIN—Argentine heavyweight **Walter Masseroni**, 211, kayoed **Raul Venturelli**, 220, in two rounds.
(4-6-90)

MENDOZA—Pascual Perez Stadium—**Osvaldo Corro**, 135, stopped **Ruben Horacio Traba**, 135, in three rounds.
(4-6-90)

BAHIA BLANCA, BUENOS AIRES—Bella Vista Club—Former WBC International champion **Ramon Gaspar Abeldano**, 165, won a 10-round decision over **Bruno Godoy**, 163.
(4-6-90)

HUINCA RENANCO, CORDOBA—**Marcelo Figueroa**, 190, scored a first-round kayo over former Argentine light heavyweight champion **Victor Robledo**, 193, who announced his retirement.
(4-6-90)

RIO CUARTO—In a 10-round super bantamweight matchup, **Sergio Liendo** fought to a draw with **Hugo Ramirez**.

Middleweights Marcelo Sasso and Federico Duarte also fought to a draw over 10.
(4-6-90)

BOULOGNE—Brazilian cruiserweight champion **Manuel Camargo Britez**, 186½, kayoed **Ramon Zalazar**, 184, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10.

Jorge Sclarandi, 139½, decisioned Luis Gimenez, 139½, over 10.
(4-6-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Argentine Boxing Federation Stadium—**Luis Franco**, 133, decisioned **Victor Raya**, 133, over 10. The 28-year-old Franco is 5-3-1; Raya is 9-2-0. The referee was Oscar Coronel. The scoring: Alvarez, 99-96; Albin, 98-96, and Fernandez, 97-96.
(4-7-90)

Carlos Irusta

BRAZIL

SAO PAULO—**Luiz Ferreira** won the Brazilian super flyweight title with a eight- round kayo over **Redigildo Conceicao**.
(3-22-90)

SAO PAULO—**Jose Geraldo Silva** scored a 10-round points win over **Valdevino Montiero** to win the Brazilian lightweight championship.

Attendance: 10,000 (estimated)
(3-31-90)

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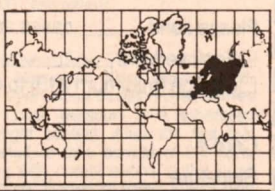

EUROPE

GERMANY

HAMBURG—Wandsbecker Sport Hall—Light heavyweight **Markus Bott** won his fifth consecutive bout with a third-round kayo of former WBC champion **Matthew Saad Muhammad**, who, for his own safety, should retire.

Cruiserweight John Held, Holland, decisioned German Ralf Rocchigiani, 32-4.

Light heavyweight Nelson Alex Alves stopped American Jerry Harris in eight.

Patrick Pipa decisioned Mike Wissenbach.

Germany's best young boxer of 1989, middleweight Andy Marks, 21, drew over four rounds with local-based Turk Burhan Zorlu.

Heavyweight Knut Blin, 21, beat countryman Bernd Kulle, with the towel being thrown in during round two. Blin's father Jurgen was the European champion in 1971-72.

Attendance: 2,300 (estimated)

Promoter: Universum Box Promotion (Klaus Peter Kohl)

Referees: G. Grabarz, W. Kasimir

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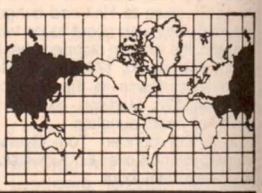

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INDONESIA

JAKARTA—Istora Senayan Sports Hall—It was the first heavyweight card in Indonesia since Muhammad Ali fought Rudi Lubbers in October 1973. Former world champion **Tim Witherspoon** had an easy time with **Greg Gunnel**, battering him for the first two rounds before stopping him in the third of their scheduled 10.

Anthony Hembrick was a little bewildered by the toughness of Mexican Martin Armarillas, but finally caught him and chalked up an eighth-round TKO in a scheduled 10.

Former heavyweight champion Larry Holmes engaged in an exhibition bout, boxing two rounds each with James Tillis and Bernardo Mercado.

Former IBF junior bantamweight champion and local favorite Elly Pical lost a majority but well-received decision to Greg Richardson in 10 heats. Indonesian officials tabbed the fight 98-94 and 97-95, both for Richardson, and 95-95.

Indonesian mini flyweight champ Husni Ray, the OPBF's top contender, successfully retained his national title by decisioning Said Iskandar in 12.
(3-12-90)

SURABAYA—Go Skate Hall—Unbeaten Filipino lefty **Jerry Penalosa**, 108, seized the vacant IBF International junior flyweight title by unanimous decision over **Basuki**, 107½, in 12.

John Ireng, former Indonesian mini flyweight champ, 108, won a unanimous nod over Filipino Ray Cosep, 112, in 10.

Indonesian junior featherweight champ Monod, 127, defeated Supriyadi, 125¼, by unanimous decision in an eight-round over-the-weight bout.

National junior lightweight boss Ganitala, 134½, beat Abraham, 134½, on points in 10.

In an eight-rounder, Simon Monta, 130¾, was a unanimous points winner over Goffur, 133½.

Faisol Akbar, 107¼, won a unanimous six-round decision over Michael, 107¼.

Promoter: Anton Sihotang
(1-18-90)

PALU, CENTRAL SULAWESI PROVINCE—**Nurhuda**, 122, gained the vacant IBF International junior featherweight throne by taking a unanimous 12-round decision over **Ernie Urdaniza**, Philippines, 122.

Franky Polli, 135, decisioned Rudy Haryanto, 135, over 10.

Adnan, 118, outpointed Bambang, 119¼, in eight.

Billo Adnan, 132¾, won over Y. Doran, 135, in six.

Apollo, 114¾, knocked out Yamato Dhori, 114¾, in six.

Syaiful, 115¾, unanimously decisioned Djowa Pura, 116, in six.

Promoter: Sinton Sihotang
(1-20-90)

SURABAYA—Agus Ekalaya, 116¼, won a unanimous decision over **Suwadi Tirta**, 117, in eight.

Hidayat, 108, scored a fourth-round TKO over Kushindarto, 106¾, in a scheduled eight.

Yanni Malhendo, 108 stopped Ipoeng, 111¾, in the third session of a scheduled six.

Lucan Tiran, 122¼, was a unanimous points victor over Chusairi, 126¼, in six.

Bernardi, 114¼, won over Suryanto, 115, in six.

Ferry Hanafi, 120¼, beat Nico Demis, 122½, in six.

Menyo Manopo, 129, halted Bayu Parmit, 127, in the third session of a scheduled six.

Joko Mora, 118, TKO'd Bam Jaya, 117½, in the second round of a scheduled six.

Herry, 125, won from Mon. Alifia, 122¼, in six.

Promoter: P. Setijadi Laksono
(1-20-90)

SURABAYA—Ponidi, 110½, looked impressive by knocking out **Kid Manguni**, 108¼, in eight.

Junai Ramayana, 117¼, defeated Ujang, 117¼, in eight.

Nangala, 119½, whipped Kid Darling, 119¾, in six.

Ali Azwat, 132¼, won over Tajib Mandinggo, 133¼, in six.

Simon Monta, 129¼, decisioned Bilal Tamuy, 125¼, in six.

Duri Pasuru, 132, kayoed Razak, 129, in the fourth of a scheduled six.

Hasanuddin, 114½, unanimously decisioned Mai Gawir, 114¾, in six.

Sipur Sableng, 123¼, registered a TKO over Dasim Pasru, 119¾, in the second session of a scheduled six.

Ming Sabata, 118, knocked out Siksono, 115½, in the third of a scheduled six.

Promoter: P. Setijadi Laksono
(1-21-90)

LAPANGAN POLRES MADIUM—Ipung Suwarno, 112, chalked up a TKO victory over **Nanggala**, 112, in the eighth session of a scheduled 10.

Sambung, 130, drew with Nurcholis, 130, in 10.

Minyo Manopo, 127¾, knocked out Ederus, 127¾, in six.

Sugeng, 122, decisioned John Rosario, 120¾, in six.

Promoter: Yongky Soesanto
(2-3-90)

INDRAMAYU, EAST JAWA—Indramayu Sports Hall—Indonesian mini flyweight champ **Husni Ray** retained his national title by beating **Eko Prasetyo** by unanimous decision in 12. Scores: 118-113, 115-113, and 116-115. Ray clearly dominated the last four rounds.

JAKARTA—Hotel Indonesia—Busy campaigner **Husni Ray** appeared 15 days after his previous defense and kept his Indonesian mini flyweight title by stopping **Ibrahim Sosaleh** in the 10th round of a scheduled 12.

Promoter: Henry P. Therik
(2-19-90)

SURABAYA—Pirrih Boxing Camp—**Yani Malhendo**, 107, decisioned **Bernardi**, 109¼, in six.

Sipur Sableng, 122, outpointed Yustinus Seido, 117½, six.

Hasanuddin, 113¾, decisioned Suryanto, 114¼, six.

Promoter: Ingger George Kailola
(2-24-90)

SURABAYA—Pirrih Boxing Camp—**Simon Monta** disposed of **Joseba Rumkorem** in the second round of a scheduled eight.

Tajib Mandinggo polished off Sami Arief in the opening session of a scheduled eight.

Hidayat decisioned Godril in eight.

Promoter: Ingger George Kailola
(2-25-90)

MALANG—Kartika Prince Hotel—Indonesian welterweight champ **Wayan Budawanta**, 144½, successfully defended his national crown by unanimous decision over **Kid Carwan**, 140, in 12.

Jack Papety, 137¼, acquired the vacant OPBF junior welterweight title by taking a unanimous decision over Ambrusio, 135½, in 12.

Robby Rahangmetan, 126¼, won a unanimous eight-round nod over Noce Lukman.

Charles Biredoko, 122, drew with Puji Widodo, 122¾, eight.

Arifin, 103¾, unanimously decisioned Eko Prasetyo, 107¼, in eight.
(3-4-90)

SURABAYA—Go Skate Hall—OPBF junior lightweight champ **Hengky Gun** retained his title by stopping **Roger Quisaba**, the Philippines, at 2:20 of the seventh session in a scheduled 12. The hard-hitting Indonesian registered his fifth defense of the title.

Indonesian flyweight champ Akri Surya lost via upset decision to Kandan, the IBC's top bantamweight contender, in 10.

Junai Ramayana outscored Charles Biredoko over 10.

Another upset: M. Noor, the IBC's top lightweight, dropping a unanimous decision to Gill Roberto Santos in 10.

Promoter: P. Setijadi Laksono
(3-15-90)

SURABAYA—Pirrih Camp—**Maryanus**, 115, became the new Indonesian junior bantamweight champ by winning the vacant throne via fifth-round TKO over **Wachid Maiki** in a scheduled 12.

Robby Rahangmetan, 125¾, unanimously decisioned Adam Suwadji, 128, in eight.

Sukardi Prakoso, 118, knocked out Monro Montana, 115¾, in eight.

Yani Malhendo, 107, outscored Juhari Tirta, 109¾, in eight.

Promoter: Ingger G. Kailola
(3-23-90)

SURABAYA—Zeppy Kindy annexed the Indonesian middleweight title via majority decision over **Ricardo Simanungkalit**, the defending champ, in 12. Scores: 116-114 (twice), and 115-115. Zeppy, the younger brother of ex-national junior welterweight champ Bongguk Kindy, dedicated his newly acquired title to his brother, who is in a coma.
(3-24-90)

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JAPAN

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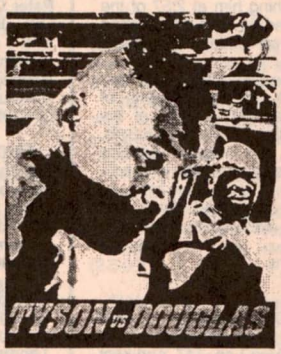

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Puma Tokuchi, 111¾, looked rough and reckless as he battered defending champion **Yosuke Matsuoka**, 112, with a kayo win at at 2:55 of the seventh session to become the Japanese flyweight king. Tokuchi is 10-0 (10). The dethroned champ fell to 17-6-3 (7).

In a supporting 10, Katsuya Onizuka, 12-0 (11), the Japanese Commission's top junior bantamweight contender, 116¼, took just 2:09 to polish off Rex "Chiba" Rapiso, 116, with a left hook.

Tomoki Morikawa, 115, 13-3-1 (9), scored a seventh-round kayo over Shosei Nitta, 115, 10-2 (7).

Ex-Japanese bantamweight champ Keiichi Ozaki, 122, 16-15-1 (2), proved too busy and pugnacious for Noboru Ogihara, 122, 13-4-3 (6), dominating all rounds to score a unanimous decision.

Promoter: Victory Promotions

Attendance: 3,300 (estimated)

(3-19-90)

NAGOYA—Nagoya City Public Hall—Local prospect **Shigeto Kondo**, 125¼, opened a gash over the left eyebrow and battered **Shinji Ogawa**, 125¼, into a bloody mess, winning a unanimous eight-round decision. Kondo is 7-3-1 (4); Ogawa is 6-12-5 (4).

Hideki Fukada, 146½, 2-0-1, drew with Takeo Takuma, 145, 3-3-1 (1) in six.

Promoter: Tokai Promotions

Attendance: 1,000 (estimated)

(3-20-90)

HIMEJI—Himeji Welfare Arena—Veteran campaigner **Eiji Oyama**, 134, finally seized the national lightweight title with a split but popular decision over defending champ and local favorite **Takehito Nakano**, 135, over 10.

Scores: referee Matsumoto, 95-94, Oyama; Kashiwagi, 96-92, Oyama; Uenaka, 96-95, Nakano. The new champion is 20-4-3 (10); Nakano, 25, is 11-5 (6).

Katsumi Maruyama, 135, 5-4 (3), whipped slower veteran campaigner Kojiro Sasaki, 135, 16-26-11, winning a unanimous decision over eight rounds.

Hidekazu Kakehashi, 105, 7-4 (2), outscored Noriaki Tanaka, 104¾, 8-7-2 (1), in a close but unanimous eight.

Promoter: Kinoshita Promotions

Attendance: 1,812

(3-21-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Ryutaro Ueda**, 126, engaged in a tuneup prior to his crack at Seiji Asakawa's national title, but succumbed to unheralded Mexican **Jose Escamilla Yamashita**, 128, via shocking kayo at 2:45 of the third session in a scheduled 10. Ueda, 23, fell to 15-4-1 (9). His scheduled crack at Asakawa's Japanese throne, however, will take place as scheduled.

Masaki Yamaoka, 117½, registered a well-received TKO over Ken Yamano, 118, at 2:27 of the second round in a scheduled six. Yamaoka is 5-1 (3). Yamano is 5-5-3 (2).

Satoru Tazaki, 121, TKO'd Haruki Miyagawa, 122, at 1:41 of the fifth canto in a scheduled six. Tazaki is 4-2 (3); Miyagawa is 3-4-1 (2).

Promoter: Tokuhon Shinto Promotions

Attendance: 2,200 (estimated)

(3-30-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Fast-rising **Takeshi Niibori**, 108, continued his body bombardments until fragile lefty **Takeo Onishi**, 107¼, doubled over and finally sank for the count at 2:33 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Nibori, 20, improved to 8-2-1 (5); Onishi, 25, is 9-8-2 (4).

Osamu Sasaki, 110¼, suffered a shocking kayo loss to Korean trialhorse Chong Pil Kim, 110¼, at 1:50 of the seventh canto, scheduled for 10. In the fatal seventh, Kim connected with jolting blows to the breadbasket of the shorter Sasaki, and then sent him to dreamland with a left hook followed by solid combos. Sasaki fell to 15-4 (9). Kim improved to 4-3-1 (1).

Hard-punching Satoru Higashi, 130, 2-0, scored an impressive knockout over Korean Hong Kyu Yang, 130, at 2:38 of the second session in a scheduled six.

Promoter: Kaneko Promotions

(4-7-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Ex-WBC strawweight champion **Hiroki Ioka**, 112, overcame a slight flu, steadily piled up points, and floored Indonesian **Johi Ireng**, 110, twice en route to a kayo win at 2:17 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. Ioka is 13-2-1 (8). Ireng, 20, is 16-7-6 (5).

Hisashi Tokushima, 112, eked out a close but unanimouse 10-round decision over Indonesian Santos Tengaraja, 112. Hisashi, 22, is 17-4-1 (8).

Unbeaten Akihiro Okuda, 106, was held to a majority draw by Salamun, 106, in a dull eight. Scores: referee Uchida, 78-77, Salamun; judge Nakamori, 77-77; and judge Morita, 78-78. Okuda is 11-0-3 (6); Salamun is 10-1-2 (2).

Lefty Takashi Saito, 134½, was awarded a TKO over Yuichi Kobayashi, 135, at 1:30 of the sixth round of a scheduled eight. It was a gory affair, as both fighters were streaming blood profusely. Referee Uratani had to have each contestant's gash examined by the ringside physicians. Kobayashi's face was covered with crimson, and the third man declared a well-received halt. Saito, a tall lefty, is 10-5 (3). Kobayashi fell to 5-2-1 (1).

Promoter: Saito Promotions

(4-9-90)

SOUTH KOREA

SEOUL—Palpal Gymnasium—Having lost to WBC lightweight champ Pernell Whitaker in the semi-final of the 1984 Olympics, bronze medalist **Chil Sung Chun** is gunning for revenge. Chun, the WBC's top contender, 137, pounded out a unanimous decision over ex-Thai champ **Downmai Sithkodom**, 136½, in 10. The winner is 20-1 (8). Downmai fell to 22-5 (14).

Former WBC flyweight champ Yong Kang Kim, 114¼, 16-2 (13), amazed the crowd by displaying his sharp rallies in polishing off Thai Champ Kiatpetch, 113½, at 2:22 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Kim, 25, is 16-1 (10).

Unbeaten prospect Ki Jun Lee, 124, 14-0-1, kayoed Filipino Hilbert Aragon, 123¾, 85 seconds into the opening session in a scheduled 10.

Korean junior flyweight champion Nam Hoon Cha, 108, 14-1-1 (6), successfully kept his national throne by stopping Jung Eui Hyun, 108, at 55 seconds of the third session in a scheduled 10.

Jun Shik Park, 154, chalked up a kayo over Hyung Ky Shim, 153¼, at 2:52 of the fourth canto in a scheduled eight. Ex-Korean lightweight boss Sung Woon Song, 141, drew with Sun Ki Hung, 141¼, in eight.

Promoter: Palpal Promotions

(3-18-90)

KYONGKIDO—**Eun Shik Lee**, the WBC's number-nine contender and the OPBF bantamweight champion, 117½, scored an astonishingly easy knockout over Indonesian **Wongso Indrajit**, 117, at 2:59 of the first session in a scheduled 12. Lee is 13-2 (11); Indrajit is 27-12-5 (11).

OPBF junior flyweight titlist Jung Keun Lim, 106¾, displayed his superior power in dropping former Japanese champ Shin Sayama, 107, no less than five times and demolishing him at 2:57 of the fourth session in a scheduled 12. Lim, the WBC's number-two light flyweight contender, is 12-4 (4). Sayama fell to 9-13 (7).

Up-and-coming Yong Hoon Lee, 121¼, extended his winning streak to 16-0 (10) by disposing of compatriot Kwan Hyung Ra, 121, at 1:27 of the seventh session in a supporting 10. Ra is 16-6-2 (8).

Undefeated Yun Un Chin, 114, stopped Duk Soo Kim, 113¾, at 1:17 of the second round in a supporting eight.

Kwang Shik Song, 136½, stopped Kwon Soo Park, 136¾, at 2:05 of the second session in the first eight.

Promoter: Alan Promotions

(3-25-90)

WONJU, KANGWONDO—Chiaki Gymnasium—Korean welterweight champ **Jung Oh Park**, 146, proved too strong for **Sang Hee Lee**, 147, and kept his national throne with a kayo at 2:57 of the second session in a scheduled 10. Park improved to 15-2 (10); Lee fell to 6-2 (5).

Promoter: Chungchung Gymnasium

(4-1-90)

Joe Koizumi and Yoo-Chang Kim

THE PHILIPPINES

QUEZON CITY—Araneta Coliseum—Tonight was a family affair as three brothers headlined the card. Southpaw **Jonathan Penalosa**, the WBC International flyweight champ, 112, scored an awsome knockout over Japanese challenger **Toshio Aikawa**, 112, at 46 seconds of the fourth round in a scheduled 12. It was Penalosa's first defense of the title. Penalosa, 22, is 12-0 (5).

John's brother, Dodie Boy Penalosa, an ex-IBF junior flyweight and flyweight champ, 112½, proved too ringwise and shifty for Korean Jong Kwon Park, 113, and won a shutout decision in 10. Scores: 100-91 (twice), and 100-90, all for Dodie Boy. The 27-year-old winner is 27-3-1 (12).

In the last of the triple main event, 18-year-old Jerry Penalosa, 110, who holds the IBF's Intercontinental junior flyweight championship, showed his speed, battering Korean Jeong Jae Lee, 110, and impressively knocked him out at 2:22 of the fifth session in a scheduled 10. Penalosa improved to 10-0 (5).

Fast-rising lefty Morris East, dropped a hairline decision to Fernando "Bong" Parad in eight.

Warlito Surbeto, 134, hit the deck from a right hook from Cris Caraig, 133, but fought back hard from the third round on. He dropped Caraig with body shots in the fifth, and was awarded a decision in six.

Joseph Chan, 129, was given an unpopular decision over Larry Sarmiento, 130, in a junior lightweight six.

Junior welterweight Fernando Sape unanimously decisioned Ireneo Awilan in six.

Promoter: Lope Sarreal, Jr.

(3-31-90)

GUTALAC, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE—**Nerio Binondo**, 125, chalked up a TKO over **Freddie "Boy" Pecore**, 125, at 37 seconds of the opening round in a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Agapito Ocol

(3-3-90)

ANGELES CITY—Swagman Hotel—Ex-Filipino lightweight champ **Lito Pena**, 134, turned the tables on **Albert Saxon**, 133, by stopping him in the fifth session of a scheduled 10. Saxon, 29, fell to 29-31-6 (6).

Manny Melchor, 110, bled from a gash in his right eyebrow caused by an accidental butt, and was awarded a technical decision over Eugene Flores, 109, in the fourth session of a scheduled 10. Pena has won five in a row and is 14-12-2 (4).

In the fourth round of a scheduled six, Aro Kitoki collapsed and struck his head hard on the deck. He was rushed to a hospital immediately, but died. Kitoki was 23 and single. He had a record of 4-10-3.

Promoter: Mich Obrien

(3-3-90)

MANOLO FORTICH BUKIDNON—**Jongjong Abao**, 120, defeated **Boy Gonzalez**, 118, by unanimous decision in a junior featherweight 10. Abao is 9-3-2 (0); Oswaldo Zayas refereed.

Pol Cabanes, 114, fought to a technical draw with Rosevelt Roy, 115, in the third session of a scheduled 10. Cabanes is 15-2-3 (11).

(3-10-90)

MANDAUE CITY, CEBU—Mandaue Coliseum—**Peter Cuizon**, 111½, won a fourth-round TKO over **Lory Jabonga**, 117. Cuizon is 9-0 (5). Jabonga is 11-8-4 (5).

Ramy Dumpa, 132½, again scored a first-round stoppage over Dante Gallogo, 135, at 2:34 in a scheduled 10. Dumpa is 8-0 (7).

(3-10-90)

SINDAGAN, ZAMBOANAGA DEL NORTE—**Bill Mananquil**, 123, earned a split nod over **Dommy Manabat**, 123, in 10.

Big Boy Salcedo, 136, TKO'd Rudy Generoso, 138, at 2:15 of the fifth round.

Promoter: Onemiciano Paculanang

(3-10-90)

MANILA—Ninoy Aquino Stadium—Filipino mini flyweight champ **Pretty Boy Lucas**, 106¾, scored an important victory over ex-IBF champ **Nico Thomas**, Indonesia, 103½, as the latter failed to come out for the eighth round in a scheduled 10. It was the seventh consecutive win for Lucas, 24, who is 24-1-1 (9). Thomas, 23, is 8-8-2 (3).

Emil Romano, 113, who was fighting in Japan with the Nipponese name of Emil Matsushima, lost a unanimous 10-round decision to Sergio Pepito, 113. Pepito, 20, is 9-1-1 (3). Romano fell to 18-10-2 (11).

Fred Tipait, 110½, won a unanimous decision over Jaime Alguin, 108, in 10.

(3-16-90)

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Gold City Coliseum—**Bert Refugio**, 108, kept his national throne by scoring a TKO over **Al Tan Lee**, 107½, at 2:10 of the eighth round in a scheduled 12. The champ is 14-0-2 (11).

Bonnie Balientos, 123, lost an upset decision to Ernie Urdaniza, 125, in 10. Balientos is 16-6-1 (2); Urdaniza is 16-6-2 (13).

Allan Inguito, 130, TKO'd Jimmy Nacalaban, 130, at 40 seconds of the fourth canto in a supporting 10.

Sugar Ray Hynes, 110, TKO'd Lucio Llanasa,

110, at 1:09 of the fifth round.
Promoter: Joseph Denoata
(3-17-90)

TALISAYAN, MISAMIS ORIENTAL—Loloc Elloren, 114, TKO'd **Marlon Gaid**, 115, at 1:35 of the fifth canto.
Bong Sabellina, 121, TKO'd Boy Gonzalez, 122, at 1:55 of the third session in a junior featherweight 10.
Promoter: Mrs. Jovencia Ompoc
(3-17-90)

TAGUM, DAVAO DEL NORTE—Allan Alegria, 138¾, yielded his national junior welterweight crown to **Jongjong Pacquing**, the former IBF top contender, 137, in the fourth session of a scheduled 12. Pacquing, 27, has acquired three national titles in as many classes. (Junior featherweight, lightweight, and junior welterweight.) Pacquing is 44-11-3 (22). Alegria is 29-7-2 (20). Pacquing is now 3-0 against Alegria.
Nelson Cabig, 117, won a unanimous decision over Gerry Allanan, 116, in a bantamweight 10. Cabig is 19-9-7 (8).
Danilo Contado, 132½, TKO'd Luis Milado, 132½, in the ninth round of their rematch. Contado decisioned Milado the first time.
Armand Molina, 111, scored a TKO over Antonio Guevarra, 112, in the sixth session of a scheduled 10.
Cris Galon, 103, knocked out Pancho Villa, 106, in the 10th and final session. Villa, whose real name is Rogelio Labor, slipped down when he tried to avert his opponent's blow. He banged his head on the deck, became unconscious, and fell into a coma. He died the next day.
(3-17-90)

CALINIAN, DAVAO CITY—On the same night, in the same city, another boxer died of internal brain hemorrhaging. **Jun Tinoy**, 125, lost a majority decision to **Jun Aviles**, 124, in 10. He suddenly collapsed after he left the ring.
Rey Boboy Tibayan, 118, fought to a majority draw with Choi Millanes, 118, in 10. Tibayan is 11-7-1 (5).
Rey Pelonia, 135, 9-1-1 (4), won a unanimous 10-round decision over Lannie Sollano, 135, in 10.
Promoter: Victor Quiambao
(3-17-90)

DAVAO DEL SUR—Mario Sumalinog, 120, registered a second-round TKO over **Edwin Canencia**, 119, in a scheduled 10. Sumalinog is 24-13-5 (13).
Nathan Ballerda, 112, unanimously decisioned Aljoe Jaro, 112, in 10. It was their rematch following Jaro's unexpected victory over Ballerda in February. This time, Vallerda displayed his ring experience. Ballerda is 22-11-10 (7). Jaro is 10-1-4 (2).
Ramel Lawas, 106, took a majority decision over Rudy Idano, 107, in 10.
Promoter: Victor Quiambao
(3-18-90)

AGUSAN DEL NORTE—Ed Lucaban, 111, took a unanimous nod from **Rex Calling**, 111, over 10. Lucaban is 10-5-3 (3).
Baby Capili, 124, unanimously decisioned Jun Garero, 124, in 10.
(3-18-90)

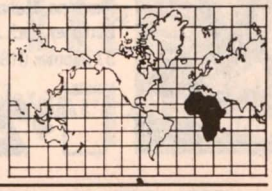
OROQUETA CITY—Southpaw **Diony Mollins**, 110, won a unanimous decision over **Felix Mantos**, 109, in 10. Mollins is 6-4-1 (1).
Cal Cabillan, 112, eked out a majority verdict over Flash Asesor, 113, in 10. Asesor is 9-10-2 (3).
(3-18-90)

PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Center—Ex-Filipino junior featherweight champion **Little Bagoyan**, 125, had a tough time outboxing **Ronnie Boy Pena**, 125, as he won a 10-round split decision. Pena is 9-5 (4). Scores: Vic Rodriguez, 99-95, and Paulino Unico 98-95, both for Bagoyan, and Alex Villacampa, 96-94 for Pena.
Former WBC International junior featherweight boss Joe Hiyas, 125, proved too ringwise and tricky for unranked Ador Unesto, 125, scoring a TKO in the seventh session of a scheduled 10. Hiyas, 27, is 40-18-12 (7). Unesto is 12-27-9 (4).
Mario Sajulan, 108, 10-5-1 (3), took a unanimous nod over veteran Dommy Ursua, 109½, in 10.
(3-25-90)

IMUS, CAVITE—Imus Cockpit Arena—Ex-Filipino welterweight champ **Mon Desoloc**, 148, dropped a technical decision to **Florencio Pastor Jr.**, 148, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10. Pastor was ahead on points when he sustained a bad cut and couldn't go on. The scoring: Joe Espinosa, 40-39, and Bert Lozano, 40-38, both for Pastor, and Ricardo Hayag, 39-39. Pastor, 24, is 12-2 (8). Vic Valdez refereed.
Noel Cornelio, 118, was battered by faster and more aggressive Vic Galme and was halted in the fifth round of a scheduled 10. Galme, 23, is 15-8 (8). Cornelio, 23, dipped to 14-10 (5). Jose Espinosa refereed.
(3-28-90)

MANGKAYAN, BENQUET—Warito Sorbeto, 132, earned an upset unanimous decision over **Trican Panas**, the top Filipino featherweight contender, 132½, in 10. Scores: referee Ambrosio Guanso, 98-97, judge Jimmy Pamplona, 98-97, and judge Sylwyn Taylor, 98-95, all for the unranked Sorbeto, 4-1. Panas, 22, is 10-5 (2).
Pablo Pucay, 136, TKO'd Fer Guevarra, 136½, at 2:50 of the third session in a scheduled 10.
(3-28-90)

Joe Koizumi, Joaquin Henson, and the GAB



AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

SPRINGS—Springs Indoor Arena—South African junior lightweight champion **Ditau Molefyane**, 17-3, completely outclassed Mexican import, **Juan Castro** before the referee stopped the fight after 2:19 of the sixth round.
The South African took charge from the first round with his faster handspeed and Castro, 15-1, had no answer as his head was jolted back with accurate lefts and rights.
In the main supporting bout, junior lightweight Welile Vumsindo looked impressive in stopping David Ramantsi in the seventh round of a scheduled eight-rounder.
Promoter: Marcus Nkosi of V.I.P. Promotions
Attendance: 1,500 (estimated)
(2-4-90)

DURBAN—Red Cross Hall—**Fransie Badenhorst** retained his South African junior featherweight title when he stopped **Lucky Shezi** after three one-sided rounds.
The fight started off at a tremendous pace and it was the harder punching Badenhorst who triumphed in the end over his rather mediocre opponent.
Timothy Sibisi knocked out the game Alson Nkosi in the fifth round in an all action junior middleweight contest which was scheduled for six rounds.
Promoter: Wayne Wesley-Smith
Attendance: 1,000 (estimated)
(2-5-90)

THABONG—Johannes Leburu won the vacant Orange Free State featherweight title with a TKO win over **Andrew Molatlhoe** in the sixth round of a scheduled 10-rounder.
In the main supporting bout, flyweight Elijah Diphagwe scored an easy eight round points decision over Jacob Mazibuko.
Promoter: Frederick Mosia of Masiza Boxing Promotions
Attendance: 300 (estimated)
(2-5-90)

JOHANNESBURG—Portuguese Hall—South African junior welterweight champion **Nika Khumalo**, 30-3-1, looked sensational when he stopping Mexican **Ramiro Lozano** at 1:25 of the first round in a scheduled 10-rounder.
The South African looked sharp from the bell and caught Lozano with some stinging left jabs to the head. After backing the Mexican up against the ropes he landed with a perfect left hook to the jaw to knock him flat on his back where he was counted out by the referee.
Promoter: Thinus Strydom of World Sports Promotions
Attendance: 1,800 (estimated)
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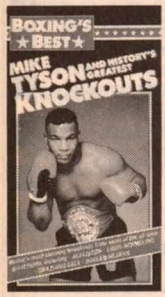

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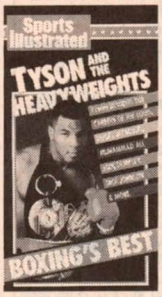

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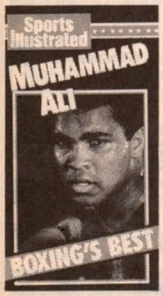

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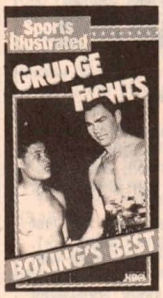

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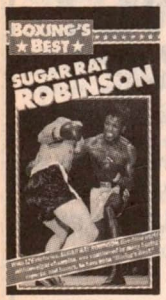

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DICK HECKER

(Spit-Bucket Artist)

By P.N. Ehrmann

The vice presidency of the United States, said someone who once held the job, "ain't worth a bucket of warm spit." Dick Hecker of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, seconds the motion. He has toted buckets of warm spit at professional boxing matches for the last 15 years, and wouldn't trade the job for all the graft in Washington.

"I'm strictly a bucket boy," says Hecker, 63, "and I wouldn't let anybody take that job away from me."

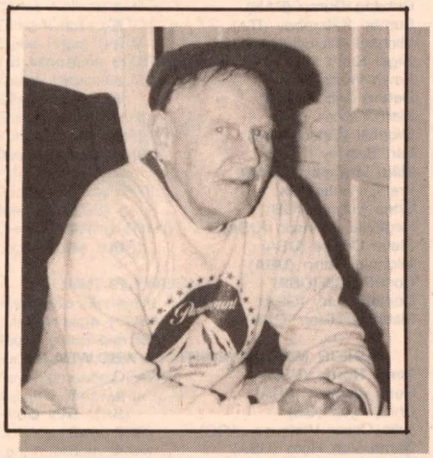
When someone tried at a recent clubshow in Green Bay, there ensued a tug of war over the bucket that was as spirited as any action in the ring. The winner and still champion was Hecker.

Rinsing mouthpieces and catching the water with which a boxer has just rinsed his mouth may sound like one of the lowliest and rankest jobs in sports, but for Hecker, who works corners with his friend Matt Baulie, a manager-promoter who also lives in Fond du Lac, it's a cherished opportunity to get close to athletes who, he says, "are like gods to me."

"I've always liked boxing," says Hecker. "The fighters themselves appeal to me. I admire their courage."

As a young man, Hecker had tried to be like them. "I weighed 126 for my first fight in Milwaukee, and was kayoed in a minute and a half," he recalls. "Then I fought twice in the Navy—a draw and a decision loss. I was so scared, I got a standing eight-count *before* the fights."

Hecker retired with a career record of 0-2-1, which may help to explain his



affinity for the human fodder that fertilizes the records of the marquee stars of boxing. He gets very upset when he hears any fighter referred to as a "tomato can."

"If it wasn't for guys like Jerry Strickland and 'The Mouse' [Strauss] . . . " he says, naming two well-known losers. "Hey, they make up the whole card in some places. They've saved lots of fight cards by going on at the last minute. To me, they're boxing."

Bruce "The Mouse" Strauss, Hecker's "number-one hero," is one of many fighters with whom Hecker carries on a regular correspondence. At a fight card in Milwaukee not long ago, Hecker recalls, The Mouse came in with some fighters he was managing. "And guys who wouldn't have walked over to meet President Bush," he said, "were making a beeline for him. The Mouse is one of the last great characters in boxing, and every sport has to have one of those."

Many of Hecker's friends are boxing collectors, and a lot of them, like Florida's Jasper Youngs, have never even met Hecker.

"Although I have never met Dick, I consider him one of my best friends," wrote Youngs. "I have corresponded with Dick many a year and have spoken to him on the phone on many occasions. He's one in a million."

Another hero of Hecker's was former welterweight champion Fritzie Zivic, and many years after Zivic's death, Hecker continues to stay in touch with the fighter's widow.

When you write to Hecker, you've made a friend for life. Years ago a boxing fan from Wales wrote Baulie for a photo of Karl Zurheide, a top light heavyweight from Fond du Lac. Hecker sent the picture, and another correspondence was born. When Hecker took a trip overseas last summer, he stayed at the fan's home.

A lifelong bachelor who lives alone, Hecker now fills up his time writing two to three poems a week ("Mrs. Mouse has a collection, also every waitress in my favorite restaurant."), painting, finding more in the expectorations of boxers than in the expectations of politicians, and, always, seeking new ways to express himself. A while ago Hecker decided to take sign language classes two nights a week.

"I don't know anybody who's deaf," he explained, "but I think it should be our second language."

To a man in search of truth, all knowledge is a mere drop in the bucket.

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RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
James Douglas (USA)	C	C	C
Evander Holyfield (USA)	1	1	1
Mike Tyson (USA)	2	2	2
Razor Ruddock (CAN)	3	3	3
Gary Mason (GB)	4	6	6
Alex Stewart (JAM)	5	5	5
Tim Witherspoon (USA)	6	-	9
George Foreman (USA)	7	-	-
Renaldo Snipes (USA)	8	8	8
Michael Dokes (USA)	9	4	7
Jose Ribalta (USA)	10	7	-
Seamus McDonagh (USA)	-	10	-
Carl Williams (USA)	14	9	4
Greg Page (USA)	13	-	10

CRUISERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Carlos DeLeon (PR)	C	-	-
Anaclet Wamba (FRA)	1	2	2
Nate Miller (USA)	2	3	3
Angelo Rottoli (ITA)	3	12	-
Derek Angol (GB)	4	8	-
Jose Flores (URU)	5	5	-
Johnny Nelson (GB)	6	-	-
Magna Havnaa (NOR)	7	-	-
Olian Alexander (USA)	8	10	-
Craig Peterson (AUSTRL)	9	-	-
James Warring (USA)	10	4	10
Robert Daniels (USA)	-	C	-
Jeff Lampkin (USA)	-	-	C
Taoufik Belbouli (FRA)	21	1	-
Dwight Muhammad Qawi (USA)	14	6	-
Glenn McCrory (GB)	17	7	9
Craig Bodzianowski (USA)	24	9	-
Siza Makathini (SA)	-	-	1
Leroy Murphy (USA)	-	-	4
Richard Mason (USA)	12	-	5
Iby Zimmerman (CAU)	-	-	6
James Pritchard (USA)	-	-	7
Bash Ali (USA)	-	11	8

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Jeff Harding (AUSTRL)	C	-	-
Dennis Andries (GB)	1	1	9
Guy Waters (AUSTRL)	2	2	2
Joe Lasisi (NIG)	3	12	11
Leslie Stewart (TRI)	4	-	-
Eric Nicoletta (FRA)	5	3	8
Yawe Davis (UGA)	6	-	-
Tom Collins (GB)	7	9	-
Mwehu Beya (ITA)	8	7	-
Isaias Lucero (MEX)	9	-	12
Mario Melo (ARG)	10	5	-
Virgil Hill (USA)	-	C	-
Mike Peak (USA)	-	4	-
Rod Carr (AUSTRL)	-	6	-
Tyrone Frazier (USA)	-	8	-
Jean-Marie Emebe (FRA)	-	10	-
Charles Williams (USA)	-	-	C
Rodrigo Benech (URU)	25	-	1
James Kinchen (USA)	11	-	3
Freddie Delgado (PR)	21	-	4
Anthony Hembrick (USA)	22	-	5
Andrew Maynard (USA)	16	-	6
Frankie Swindell (USA)	-	-	7
Vincent Boulware (USA)	-	-	10

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Ray Leonard (USA)	C	-	-
Dario Matteoni (ARG)	1	4	-
Tony Byrd (USA)	2	3	4
Don Lee (USA)	3	9	-
Mauro Galvano (ITA)	4	11	11
Frank Winterstein (FRA)	5	-	-
Paul Muyodi (UGA)	6	-	-
Rod Carr (AUSTRL)	7	-	12
Ron Essett (USA)	8	8	6
Paul Whittaker (USA)	9	5	10
Juan Carlos Gimenez (PAR)	10	2	3
Chris Tiozzo (FRA)	-	C	-
In Chul Baek (KOR)	-	6	-
Victor Cordova (PAN)	18	1	7
Dan Morgan (USA)	12	7	-
Wan Sub Lee (KOR)	-	10	-
Lindell Holmes (USA)	-	-	C
Frank Tate (USA)	13	-	1
Thulani Malinga (SA)	-	-	2
John Jarvis (USA)	-	-	5
Dave Tiberi (USA)	-	-	8
Carl Sullivan (USA)	-	-	9

MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Lindell Holmes (USA)	1	-	-
Julian Jackson (USA)	2	-	-
Herol Graham (GB)	3	3	3
Roberto Duran (PAN)	4	-	-
Sumbu Kalambay (ITA)	5	2	6
Michael Olajide (CAN)	6	12	-
Nigel Benn (GB)	7	6	-
Kevin Watts (US)	8	11	-
Dennis Milton (US)	9	-	10
Merqui Sosa (US)	10	10	11
Michael Watson (GB)	11	1	7
Iran Barkley (USA)	13	8	4
Mike McCallum (JAM)	-	C	-
Frank Winterstein	-	4	9
Chris Eubank (GB)	-	5	-
Reginald Johnson (USA)	-	7	2
Steve Collins (USA)	14	9	-
Michael Nunn (USA)	-	-	C
Ron Collins (USA)	19	-	8
Donald Curry (USA)	-	-	1
Matthew Hilton (CAN)	-	-	5

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Terry Norris (USA)	C	-	-
Rene Jacquot (FRA)	1	6	-
Chris Pyatt (GB)	2	5	6
Julio Cesar Vasquez (ARG)	3	3	-
Darrin Van Horn (USA)	4	8	1
Troy Waters (AUSTRL)	5	-	5
Carlos Elliot (JAP)	6	1	-
Jorge Castro (ARG)	7	7	10
Jun Suk Hwang (KOR)	8	2	-
Gilbert Dele (FRA)	9	4	7
Yung Kil Chung (KOR)	10	-	-
Julian Jackson (VI)	-	C	-
Gianfranco Rosi (ITA)	-	-	C
Horacio Perez (COL)	16	9	-
Donald Curry (USA)	16	10	-
Glenn Wolfe (USA)	17	-	2
Robert Hines (USA)	-	-	3
Arthur Serwano (USA)	12	12	4
Karama Leota (USA)	-	-	8
Miguel Arroyo (ARG)	24	-	9

WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Marlon Starling (USA)	C	-	-
Maurice Blocker (USA)	1	2	-
Buddy McGirt (USA)	2	5	1
Aaron Davis (USA)	3	7	2
Antoine Fernandez (FRA)	4	9	5
Glenwood Brown (USA)	5	4	4
Jose Bermudez (COL)	6	8	-
Hiroyuki Yoshino (JAP)	7	12	8
Genaro Leon (MEX)	8	-	11
Jorge Bracamonte (ARG)	9	-	-
Engels Pedroza (VEN)	10	3	6
Mark Breland (USA)	-	C	-
Simon Brown (USA)	-	-	C
Luis Garcia (VEN)	12	1	7
Fujio Ozaki (JAP)	-	6	-
Crisanto Espana (VEN)	-	10	-
Tyrone Trice (USA)	11	-	3
Kevin Pompey (USA)	-	-	9
Victor Davis (USA)	-	-	10

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julio Cesar Chavez (MEX)	C	-	C
Kyung Duk Ahn (KOR)	1	1	-
Meldrick Taylor (USA)	2	3	1
Roger Mayweather (USA)	3	-	7
Sammy Fuentes (PR)	4	-	-
Loreto Garza (USA)	5	4	3
Angel Hernandez (PR)	6	7	12
Alberto Cortes (ARG)	7	-	-
Terrence Alli (GUY)	8	-	5
Efren Calamati (ITA)	9	8	-
Rafael Pineda (COL)	10	5	4
Juan M. Coggi (ARG)	-	C	-
Akinobu Hiranaka (JAP)	13	2	-
Rodolfo Aguilar (PAN)	12	6	-
Jose Luis Ramirez (MEX)	-	9	-
Santos Cardona (USA)	-	10	9
Louie Lomeli (USA)	-	-	2
Harold Brazier (USA)	14	-	6
Rodney Moore (USA)	-	-	8
Ras-I-Bramble (USA)	17	-	10

LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Pernell Whitaker (USA)	C	-	C
Chil Sung Chun (KOR)	1	4	-
Poli Diaz (SPA)	2	2	3
Tracy Spann (USA)	3	6	1
Primo Ramos (MEX)	4	3	4
Darryl Tyson (USA)	5	-	5
Anthony Jones (USA)	6	8	-
Greg Haugen (USA)	7	-	6
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Mario Martinez (MEX)	10	-	-
Edwin Rosario (PR)	12	C	11
Juan Nazario (PR)	-	1	-
Tae Jin Moon (KOR)	14	9	-
Freddie Pendleton (USA)	11	-	2
William Rojas (VEN)	-	10	7
John Duplessis (USA)	17	-	10

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Azumah Nelson (GHA)	C	-	-
Antonio Esparragoza (VEN)	1	-	-
Juan LaPorte (PR)	2	-	-
Genaro Hernandez (US)	3	2	4
Jim McDonnell (GB)	4	9	-
Tyrone Downes (TRIN)	5	4	-
Bernard Taylor (USA)	6	10	5
Frank Mitchell (USA)	7	-	8
Tony Lopez (USA)	8	11	2
George Navarro (USA)	9	-	-
Rodolfo Gomez (MEX)	10	-	-
Brian Mitchell (SA)	-	C	-
John Molina (USA)	-	-	C
Renaldo Carter (USA)	-	1	10
Anibal Nieves (VEN)	-	3	-
Jackie Beard (USA)	-	5	-
Hengky Gun (INDO)	17	8	-
Jorge Ramirez (MEX)	26	-	1
Renato Cornett (AUSTRL)	18	-	3
Calvin Grove (USA)	28	-	6
Joey Jacobs (USA)	-	6	-
Joey Gamache (USA)	20	7	7
Lupe Suarez (USA)	13	-	9

FEATHERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Jeff Fenech (AUSTRL)	C	-	-
Marcos Villasana (MEX)	1	-	-
Paul Hodkinson (GB)	2	3	1
Ricardo Cepeda (USA)	3	6	4
Chan Mok Park (KOR)	4	1	-
Javier Marquez (MEX)	5	-	-
Rafael Zuniga (COL)	6	7	10
Yung Kyun Park (KOR)	7	9	-
Takeyuki Akagi (JAP)	8	-	-
Steve Cruz (US)	9	-	12
Louie Espinoza (US)	10	-	7
Antonio Esparragoza (VEN)	-	C	-
Jorge Paez (MEX)	-	-	C
Eloy Rojas (VEN)	24	2	-
Tom Johnson (USA)	18	4	-
Ryutaro Ueda (JAP)	-	5	-
Jorge Romero (MEX)	21	8	-
Edward Parker (USA)	-	10	-
Myron Taylor (USA)	15	-	2

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Troy Dorsey (USA)	25	-	3
Alfred Rangel (USA)	17	-	5
Lupe Gutierrez (USA)	20	12	6
Harold Rhodes (USA)	14	-	8
Steve McCrory (USA)	-	-	9

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Daniel Zaragoza (MEX)	C	-	12
Seung Hoon Lee (KOR)	1	-	-
Pedro Decima (ARG)	2	4	-
Paul Banke (USA)	3	-	-
Chan Young Park (KOR)	4	-	-
Jesse Benavides (USA)	5	3	5
Tracy Patterson (USA)	6	-	8
Noree Jockygym (THAI)	7	7	-
Jesus Salud (USA)	8	-	-
Luis Mendoza (COL)	9	1	-
Jae Won Choi (KOR)	10	9	-
Ruben Palacios (COL)	14	2	-
Juan Jose Estrada (MEX)	-	5	-
Carlos Uribe (CHIL)	13	6	-
Lee Ki Yun (KOR)	19	8	-
Welcome Ncita (SA)	-	-	C
Ray Minus (BAH)	-	10	-
Jose Sanabria (VEN)	23	-	1
Hurley Snead (USA)	-	-	2
Fabrice Benichou (FRA)	-	-	3
Kelvin Seabrooks (USA)	-	-	4
Baby Rojas (USA)	-	-	6
Fransie Badenhorst (SA)	-	-	7
Ramon Cruz (PR)	-	-	9
Joe Orewa (USA)	25	-	10

BANTAMWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Raul Perez (MEX)	C	-	-
Pepillo Valdez (MEX)	1	3	2
Hurley Snead (USA)	2	1	-
Chang Kyun Oh (KOR)	3	2	-
Gerardo Martinez (USA)	4	7	6
Changuito Carmona (MEX)	5	-	-
Kiyoshi Hatanaka (JAP)	6	6	8
Yong Hoon Lee (KOR)	7	9	-
Eun Sik Lee (KOR)	8	-	-
Lupe Rubio (MEX)	9	-	-
Greg Richardson (USA)	10	12	5
Luisito Espinosa (PHI)	-	C	-
Orlando Canizales (USA)	-	-	C
Kaokor Galaxy (THAI)	22	4	-
Cesar Salas (VEN)	-	5	-
Paul Gonzalez (USA)	20	8	10
Bualuang Galaxy (THAI)	-	10	-
Billy Hardy (GB)	29	-	1
Duke McKenzie (GB)	17	-	3
Eddie Rangel (USA)	27	-	4
Wilfredo Vasquez (PR)	-	-	7
Ray Minus (BAH)	15	-	9

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Sung Kil Moon (KOR)	C	-	-
Nana Konadu (GHA)	1	-	12
Thanomsak Sithbaobey (THAI)	2	1	-
Shunichi Nakajima (JAP)	3	2	10
Gilberto Roman (MEX)	4	4	3
Elvis Alvarez (COL)	5	-	-
Akeen Anifowoshe (NIG)	6	-	-
Cesar Polanco (DR)	7	8	-
Carlos Mercado (COL)	8	10	1
Ellyas Pical (INDO)	9	-	-
Santos Laciar (ARG)	10	-	-
Khaosai Galaxy (THAI)	-	C	-
Robert Quiroga (USA)	11	-	C
Ernesto Ford (PAN)	20	3	-
Rey Paciones (PHI)	13	5	2
Kenji Matsumura (JAP)	-	6	-
David Griman (VEN)	12	7	-
Duke McKenzie (GB)	-	9	-
Juan Polo (COL)	-	-	4
Sitoshi Shingaki (JAP)	-	-	5
Daorung Chuwatana (THAI)	-	-	6
Jaji Shibali (SA)	-	-	7
Peter Mitrevski (AUSTRL)	-	-	8
Sombat Uasampan (THAI)	-	-	9

FLYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Sot Chitalada (THAI)	C	-	-
Richard Clarke (JAM)	1	-	2
Jung Koo Chang (KOR)	2	-	-
Yong Kang Kim (KOR)	3	6	-
Javier Lucas (MEX)	4	-	6
Romy Navarette (PHIL)	5	12	10
Leopard Tamakuma (JAP)	6	1	4
Rodolfo Blanco (COL)	7	4	1
Ysaias Zamudio (MEX)	8	-	-
Francisco Tejedor (COL)	9	-	-
Carlos Salazar (ARG)	10	7	-
Elvis Alvarez (COL)	-	2	-
Jesus Rojas (VEN)	12	3	-
Yul Woo Lee (KOR)	-	C	-
Kotaro Hayashi (JAP)	-	5	-
Eyup Can (TUR)	13	8	-
Julio Gudino (PAN)	-	9	-
Yunun Chin (KOR)	14	10	-
Dave McAuley (IRE)	-	-	C
Fidel Bassa (COL)	-	-	3
Dodi Penalosa (PHI)	17	-	5
Joe Kelly (GB)	-	-	7
Ole Kietoneway (THAI)	-	-	8
Louis Curtis (USA)	-	-	9

LIGHT FLYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Humberto Gonzalez (MEX)	C	-	-
Luis Monzote (CUBA)	1	7	-
Jeung Keun Lim (JAP)	2	3	-
Michael Carbajal (USA)	3	5	1
Rey Hernandez (MEX)	4	-	-
Katzumi Komiyama (JAP)	5	-	-
Hiroki Ioka (JAP)	6	-	5
Domingo Sosa (DR)	7	-	7
Leon Salazar (PAN)	8	4	6
Jorge Rivera (MEX)	9	-	11
Ali Galvez (CHI)	10	10	-
Yuh Myung Woo (KOR)	-	C	-
Leo Gamez (VEN)	15	1	8
Kajkong Danphoothai (THAI)	-	2	-
Hector Patri (ARG)	-	6	-
Francisco Tejedor (COL)	-	8	-
Jose Lagos (ARG)	-	9	-
Muangshai Kittikasem (THAI)	-	-	C
Silverio Barcenas (PAN)	-	-	2
Tacy Macalos (PHIL)	12	-	3
Ysaias Zumudio (USA)	-	-	4
Mario DeMarco (ARG)	-	-	9
Gerry Penalosa (PHIL)	-	-	10

STRAWWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Hideyuki Ohashi (JAP)	C	-	12
Kyung Yung Lee (KOR)	1	-	-
Pretty Boy Lucas (PHIL)	2	2	1
Napa Kiatwanchai (THA)	3	-	6
Hector Patri (ARG)	4	-	-
Ricardo Lopez (MEX)	5	7	3
Chana Porpaoin (THAI)	6	3	10
Hiyong Choi (KOR)	7	1	-
Jeum Hwan Choi (KOR)	8	-	-
Javier Varguez (MEX)	9	-	-
Chairith Kongudom (THAI)	10	-	-
Bong Jun Kim (KOR)	-	C	-
Katsumi Komiyama (JAP)	-	4	-
Joo Sup Shin (KOR)	26	5	-
Kimio Rirano (JAP)	-	6	-
Silverio Barcenas (PAN)	14	8	-
Danny Nunez (DR)	28	9	-
Sam Joong Lee (KOR)	11	10	-
Far Lan Lookmingkwan (THAI)	-	-	C
Luis Monzote (USA)	-	-	2
Eric Chavez (PHIL)	24	-	4
Francisco Montiel (MEX)	-	-	5
Joe Constantino (PHI)	-	-	7
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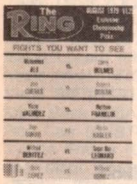

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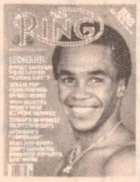

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THE KID'S LAST FIGHT AT WELTER COMING SOON

Gavilan To Vacate Throne And Go After Middleweight Title

From The Ring, December 1953

By Nat Fleischer

Kid Gavilan's "skin-of-the-teeth" victory over Carmen Basilio of Canastota, New York, in their 15-round bout at the War Memorial Auditorium of Syracuse, indicated that it would be best for him to abandon the division over which he rules, something he and his mentor, Angel Lopez, proposed following the 27-year-old Cuban's close shave. No longer is he the highly spirited fighter who worked his way into a world crown.

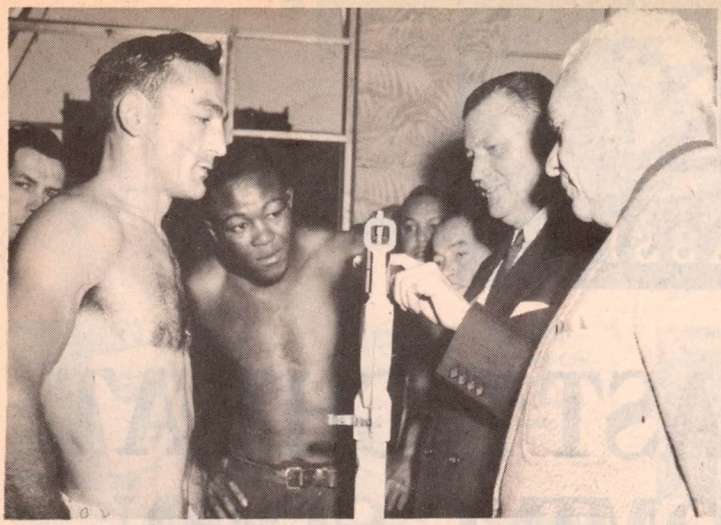
Making weight has played havoc with him, as was clearly indicated in his fight with the ex-Marine. It weakened "The Keed" to such extent that, had Basilio followed his advantage when he dropped the champ at 40 seconds of the second round for a count of nine, he would probably have scored a knockout by forcing the issue and tearing in for the kill. Everything was in his favor except the instinctiveness to follow through, but Carmen, as he later explained, feared to go all out and gamble on his punch, though he had two full minutes left to turn the trick.

"I thought I had to stay steady. He's too smart a fighter. I wasn't going to take a chance on being caught."

That decision proved costly. In fact, it cost Carmen the fight. Basilio was right. Gavilan was too smart, as he proved as the fight progressed. Instead of depending on his usual style of hard milling, the Cuban turned to boxing. It was through his cleverness in warding off heavy attacks in the latter half of the battle, jabbing, pecking away at Carmen's face and left eye (which he finally closed), that Gavilan piled up the points and gained the victory to which he was justly entitled despite the howl of a wild, partisan Syracuse gathering that thought Basilio had been robbed of a title.

From the point of view of performances—and the Cuban has given many thrilling ones since he came up from Camaguey to fight his way to a world championship—it was far from his best. He failed to click as in several of his ring masterpieces. The bout clearly demonstrated his inability to carry on as a welterweight with the full power of his punches and his speed. The bout with Johnny Bratton,

Basilio wanted a brawl, but Gavilan altered his style and boxed against his determined foe. The strategy enabled "The Kid" to keep the title.



Basilio and Gavilan at the weigh-in. No longer able to comfortably make the welterweight limit of 147 pounds, Gavilan would defend the title once more, against Johnny Bratton, and then try for Bobo Olson's middleweight crown.

according to Gavilan, will be The Kid's last fight as a welterweight.

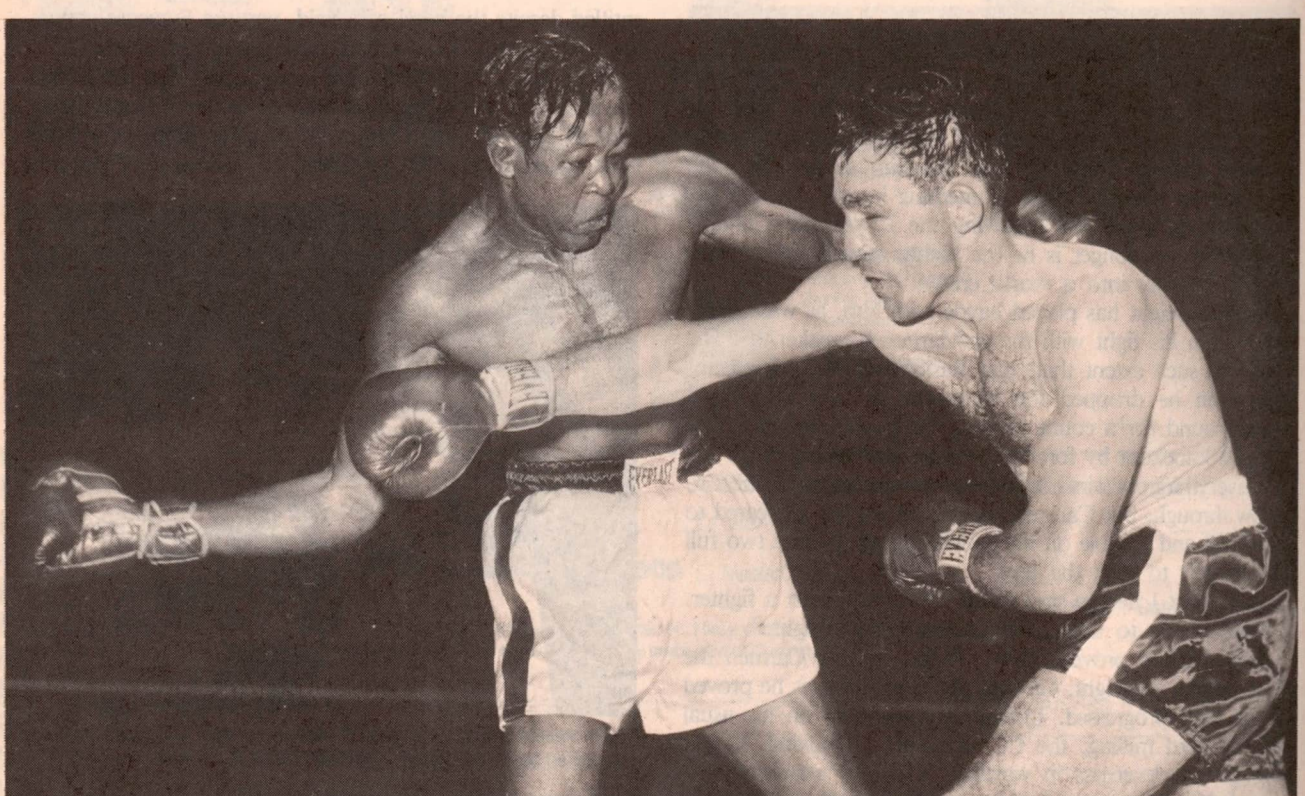
The Cuban has his eye on the middleweight crown. He feels that he can whip the Randy Turpin-Bobo Olson victor, and should he retain his crown in the Bratton bout, he'll relinquish it if he is promised first shot at the middleweight championship. In that case, there'll be a scramble for the top welter post, with Bratton, Basilio, Johnny Saxton, and Billy Graham left to fight it out in an elimination, they being the top-ranking quartet.

As for Basilio, though he was a 1 to 4 underdog, the ex-Marine now ranks next to Bratton among the contenders. If Gavilan goes through with his proposed plan, a fight between Bratton and Basilio would, in my opinion, be generally recognized as a championship fight, since Graham lost to Basilio and was badly outpointed by Gavilan, and Gil Turner has not been fighting as a welter for some time. All of Gil's fights have been well above the welter limit. If Turner can make the weight—something I doubt—then a fight between he and Basilio, the winner to face Bratton, would add considerable interest in the elimination.

The Basilio-Gavilan fight added one more to the long list of fistic surprises that have stood out this year. Twice in recent weeks, Ezzard Charles, considered the outstanding challenger for world heavyweight honors, lost to underdogs in the betting, to Nino Valdes of Cuba, and to Harold Johnson; Jimmy Carter, world lightweight king, dropped a unanimous decision to an unknown, Johnny Cunningham, in Miami; Alan Moody, considered the best prospect in the welter ranks, was stopped by Del Flanagan in Chicago; Billy Peacock relieved Pappy Gault of his North American bantam title. Then came Basilio's brave stand.

The decision in favor of Gavilan was a fair one. Almost every ringside reporter handed him the honors, though some had it closer than others. But he did win—make no mistake about that.

The unexpected knockdown with a beautiful left hook in the second, for which the "Cuban Hawk" took the enforced eight-count, though he could have gotten to his feet much earlier, and the final-round rally, in which Basilio earned the round on all cards, officials and scribes, put the fans on Carmen's side. That, plus the suspense that kept the 6,803 spectators, who paid $74,317, and the margin Basilio had gained in the first six rounds, is what impressed the partisan spectators, who howled threats at the officials that



Gavilan's bolo punch was among the most famous blows in boxing history. It was relatively ineffective, however, against Basilio, the tough onion farmer from Canastota, New York. Basilio was the aggressor throughout the fight. He floored Gavilan with a hook in round two, but foolishly failed to follow up.

voted against the local boy.

Basilio had a margin of four rounds to two at the end of the sixth, but on my card and that of many others at ringside, Gavilan rolled up six out of the last nine rounds. He won them through fine boxing.

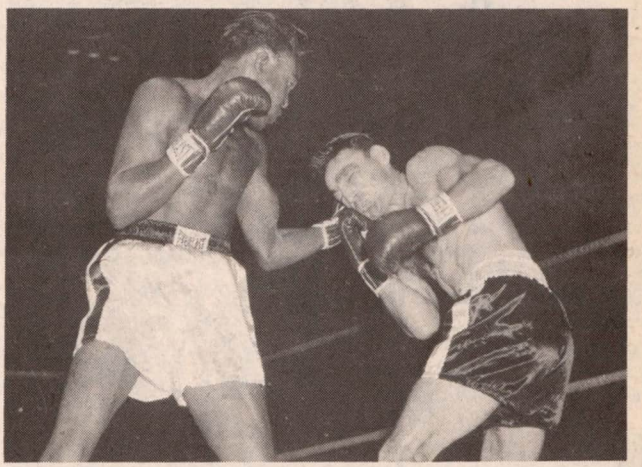
His opponent was the aggressor during most of those sessions, but he was ineffective except occasionally at the infighting, a duplicate of what had taken place when Archie Moore outpointed Joey Maxim in Ogden, Utah, recently. Carmen was courageous, full of fight when given the opportunity while having his bill peppered, but always winning the plaudits of the home city rooters.

The indignation of the fans, the attempts to attack George Walsh, who did a most competent job as referee, the vituperation hurled at the New York scribes who had Gavilan the winner—all reflected local prejudice in favor of the Marine from Canastota. They were the attacks of a strictly partisan gathering. Had not Bob Christenberry, Chairman of the New York Commission, had the foresight to appoint two New York City officials to aid in the handling of the fight, Gavilan would have been shorn of his crown unjustly.

Referee Walsh gave Gavilan the fight, 8-6-1. Judge Harold Barnes had it for Gavilan, 7-6-2, and Judge Kimbal of Syracuse scored for the challenger, 7-5-3. My card was 8-5-2 for Gavilan.

Gavilan had a much tougher time with Basilio than he did when he last defended the title against Chuck Davey in Chicago, and in Cuba against Graham. The 26-year-old Canastota onion farmer, who recently gained a decision over Graham in Syracuse, had plenty of guts, a hard wallop, and the fighting spirit of the Marines. Even when badly hurt, as he was in the 10th round, the best of the fight other than the second, he fought back at all times.

In the 10th, the turning point of the tough battle, the Cuban pinned his opponent against the ropes and punished him cruelly with an avalanche of lefts and rights to the body. Those punches apparently weakened Carmen, for



Basilio soaked up Gavilan's hardest blows, like this smashing left hook. Gavilan's victory was deserved but unpopular with the pro-Basilio crowd.

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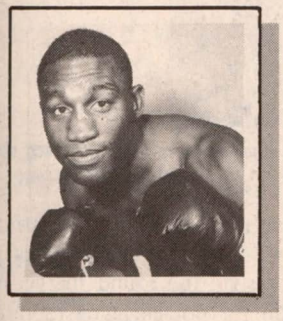

James Carter

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1. **Roland LaStarza**, New York, NY
2. **Ezzard Charles**, Cincinnati, OH
3. **Nino Valdes**, Havana, Cuba
4. **Dan Bucceroni**, Philadelphia, PA
5. **Heinz Neuhaus**, Germany
6. **Don Cockell**, England
7. **Earl Walls**, Canada
8. **Tommy Harrison**, Oakland, CA
9. **Coley Wallace**, New York, NY
10. **Harry Matthews**, Seattle, WA

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Archie Moore**, San Diego, CA

1. **Harold Johnson**, Philadelphia, PA
2. **Joey Maxim**, Cleveland, OH
3. **Danny Nardico**, Tampa, FL
4. **Yolande Pompey**, Trinidad
5. **Billy Smith**, Oakland, CA
6. **Jimmy Slade**, New York, NY
7. **Gerhard Hecht**, Germany
8. **Larry Watson**, Omaha, NE
9. **Jacques Hairabedian**, France
10. **Floyd Patterson**, Brooklyn, NY

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1. **Randy Turpin**, England
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4. **Rocky Castellani**, Luzerne, PA
5. **Gil Turner**, Philadelphia, PA
6. **Joey Giambra**, Buffalo, NY
7. **Joe Giardello**, Philadelphia, PA
8. **Ralph Jones**, Yonkers, NY
9. **Pierre Langlois**, France
10. **Randy Sandy**, New York, NY

WELTERWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Kid Gavilan**, Havana, Cuba

1. **Johnny Bratton**, Chicago, IL
2. **Carmen Basilio**, Syracuse, NY
3. **Johnny Saxton**, Brooklyn, NY
4. **Billy Graham**, New York, NY
5. **Ramon Fuentes**, Los Angeles, CA
6. **Del Flanagan**, St. Paul, MN
7. **Art Aragon**, Los Angeles, CA
8. **Freddy Dawson**, Chicago, IL
9. **Gilbert Lavoine**, France
10. **Chico Varona**, Havana, Cuba

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champ: **James Carter**, New York, NY

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2. **Henry (Pappy) Gault**, Spartanburg, SC
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4. **John Kelly**, Belfast, Ireland
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8. **Peter Keenan**, Scotland
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10. **Emile Chemama**, France

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World Champ: **Yoshio Shirai**, Japan

1. **Jake Tuli**, South Africa
2. **Leo Espinosa**, Philippines
3. **Tanny Campo**, Philippines
4. **Terry Allen**, England
5. **Charley Bohbot**, French Morocco
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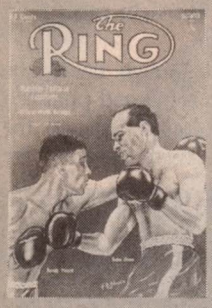

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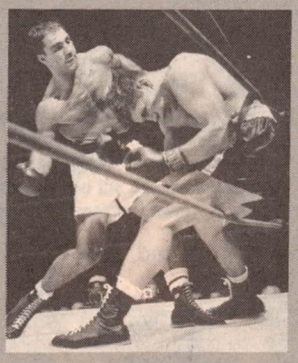
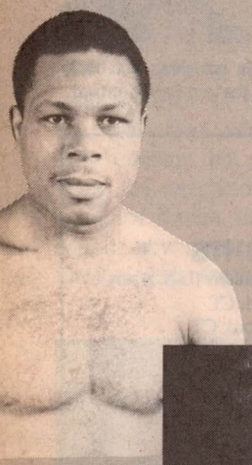
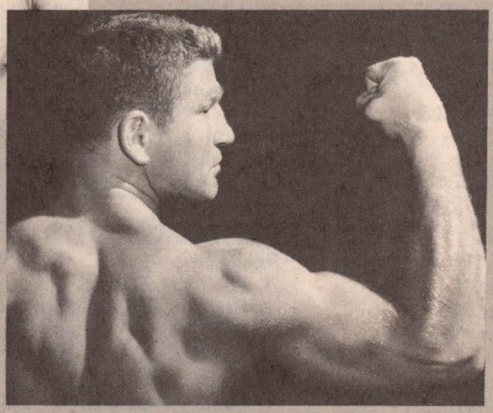


Marciano's Mission: Editor Nat Fleischer reports on Rocky Marciano's second defense of the heavyweight title, an 11th-round stoppage of Roland LaStarza at the Polo Grounds. In March 1950, Marciano had outpointed LaStarza via disputed decision. He waited more than three years to erase the doubts concerning his superiority over his rival.

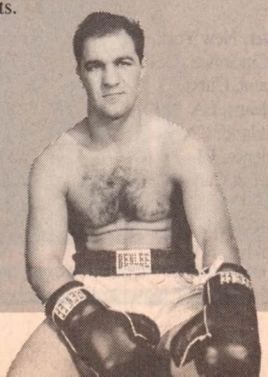


The More Things Change . . . . Writer Al Buck addresses boxing's problems—a lack of talent and a drop in gate receipts. The villain? Television, of course. Promoters and matchmakers, Buck writes, must now satisfy TV sponsors, and not the paying public. But Buck adds that current champions like Archie Moore (pictured) and Kid Gavilan stand proudly with the titlists of any era.



Behind The Dressing Room Door: Managing Editor Nat Loubet examines the atmosphere in fighters' dressing rooms, and whether it relates to their performances in the ring. His conclusion: Fighters displaying nervous energy usually start quickly, and fighters who seem quiet and stiff are often a bit scared. Heavyweight Lou Nova (pictured) used to talk to himself before his bouts.

Fighter Of The Month: Heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano is named for his successful defense against Roland LaStarza. In a busy month of title-fight action, Kid Gavilan, who retained the welterweight title on points over Carmen Basilio, was a strong runner-up.



thereafter he slowed up his attack and showed signs of weariness, while the champ kept piling up points by jabbing and tossing occasional blows to the heart and stomach. Several times Gavilan used the bolo punch, but it lacked the effectiveness so often displayed in his bouts with Graham.

Basilio looks like the best bet to succeed Gavilan, but in his bout with the Cuban he lacked the finesse that goes with championship caliber. When he put Gavilan on the deck, it was the first time since 1948 that the champ had been floored. Never before Ike Williams turned the trick had any fighter succeeded in downing Gavilan.

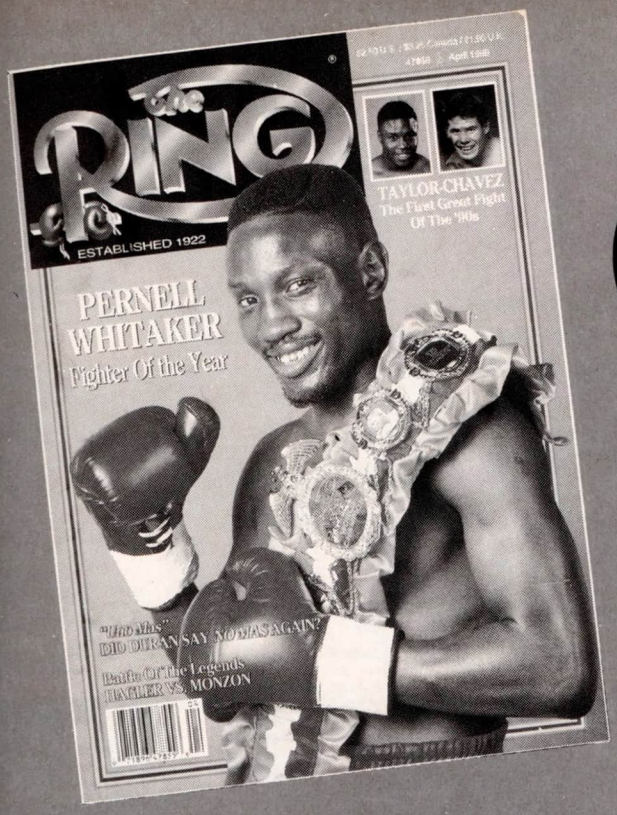
Carmen hit Gavilan with many good clouts in the first half of the contest. He also connected with several stunners in the later rounds, but only once after the knockdown did the challenger rock his opponent. It was with a right cross in the eighth, just before the bell sounded, a punch that almost dropped the champ for the second time.

The reigning and future welterweight champions congratulate each other after their demanding 15-rounder. Gavilan triumphed by split decision.

In the rounds which the challenger won, the margins of triumph were greater than those won by Gavilan. That is what made the fight so close despite the round margin of victory. In explaining his reason for not engaging more in his usual fighting style, Gavilan said that he purposely stuck to boxing to avoid giving the clamorous, partisan gathering the opportunity to root Basilio home a victor by shouts and applause every time "he touched me."

It was Basilio's 11th defeat in 52 fights, but in the loss of the championship mill he gained more international prestige than in all other fights. From an ordinary upstate clubfighter who, by beating Billy Graham in a questionable decision bout, had won the New York State title, Basilio now ranks with the top men of his division. Although the decision was lost, Carmen enhanced his position as a contender for world honors.

As for Gavilan, in victory he was revealed as a champion who is ready to be taken. He needs the extra weight of eight pounds he had to shed to make the weight for this title defense. Basilio likewise had to go on the scale four times before he could come in at the required championship poundage of 147, but he is capable of making it more readily than is the Cuban, 146¾, who, with 10 years and 112 fights behind him, not counting amateur contests, admittedly no longer can make the weight without impairing his health and strength. ■



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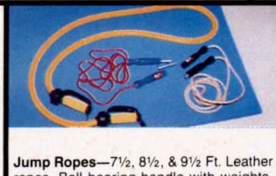

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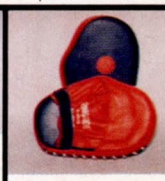

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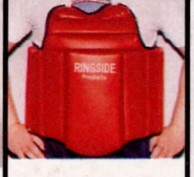

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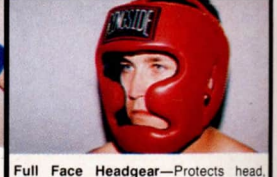

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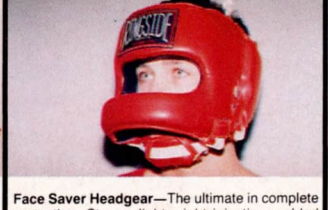

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